

*International Conference on
Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity*
New Delhi, India

DECLARATION
OF THE
INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
CYBERLAW, CYBERCRIME &
CYBERSECURITY

ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 2018

ON THE SIDELINES OF THE



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CYBERLAW, CYBERCRIME &
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The Inter-Ministerial Meeting on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity was held on 15th November, 2018, at New Delhi on the sidelines of the International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity.

WHEREAS the said Inter-Ministerial Meeting discussed various aspects and issues pertaining to different challenges that the emerging cyber security breaches and cyberspace have brought forward before the nations of the world.

AND WHEREAS the said Inter-Ministerial Meeting agreed to collate their discussed issues and accepted principles in the form of the present Declaration.

Now this Inter-Ministerial Meeting on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity declares as under:

- i) Cyberspace is a shared heritage of human mankind and each and every nation has got the right to ensure a secure, safe and resilient Internet and cyberspace;
- ii) Cyber security breaches have changed the landscape of the Internet paradigm and increasing cyber security breaches have once again brought forward the factum pertaining to fragility of the Internet and the cyber ecosystem;
- iii) Cyber security regulation thus becomes a priority for all state and non-state actors at local, national, regional and international levels;
- iv) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting recognizes the absence of an international Cyberlaw or an international mechanism to regulate cyber security ecosystem and hence call upon the comity of nations to quickly adopt the principles for efficient cyber legal frameworks to be adopted at a global level;
- v) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting further encourages States to come up with strong national laws regulating cyber security and for providing stringent penal and legal consequences for actors who breach cyber security of the systems and Critical Information Infrastructures;
- vi) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting agrees that national interest is important and cyber security as a paradigm is intrinsically connected with national interest;

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- vii) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting strongly underlines that given the fact that Internet has made geography history, it is imperative that the world comes up with strong mechanisms at the international and regional levels so as to promote the growth of protection of cyber security;
- viii) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting further agrees that cyber criminals and cyber security breachers should not be able to hide behind either the cloak of anonymity or challenges posed by Internet jurisdiction;
- ix) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting further hereby calls upon the world community to come up with international best practices on the legal, policy and regulatory issues concerning cyber security;
- x) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting agrees that in continued enhanced cyber security lies the way forward for building strong nations and strong international comity of nations, apart from creating a worldwide, secure, resilient and safe cyberspace ecosystem. Also, the Inter-Ministerial Meeting wholeheartedly calls upon the international stakeholders to work in the direction of enhancing international cooperation on matters concerning cyber security;
- xi) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting underlines the need to encourage nations to start considering and treating their data protection laws as instruments of cyber security protection and preservation having legal sanctity and validity;
- xii) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting recognizes the contributions of International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity and the International Commission on Cyber Security Law in the evolving jurisprudence and call upon them to constantly work on pushing the evolving jurisprudence concerning Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity;
- xiii) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting hereby further declares that newly emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Blockchains and Internet of Things are further going to enhance the risk of cyber security breaches and call upon state and non-state actors to come up with appropriate legal strategies, to deal with challenges emerging from such cyber security breaches;

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- xiv) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting further resolves and agrees to create a Standing Committee of the Inter- Ministerial Meeting on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity, consisting of all the nations, whose representatives have attended the first Inter Ministerial Meeting on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity;
- xv) The Standing Committee of the Inter Ministerial Meeting will aim to update the members of the Inter Ministerial Meeting on cutting edge developments in Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity so that relevant policy and governance initiatives could be appropriately planned, discussed, initiated and/or implemented;
- xvi) The Standing Committee would further endeavour to meet on periodic intervals to take stock of the legal, policy and regulatory issues concerning cyberspace so as to facilitate more intelligent decision making on such cutting edge issues;
- xvii) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting recommends that the Standing Committee of the Inter-Ministerial Meeting needs to meet once every quarter electronically and at least once a year, to update about the developments so far and need to help contribute in evolving jurisprudence on cyber security law;
- xviii) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting further recognizes the evolving nature of the Internet and the transient nature of challenges thrown up by constantly changing pace of cyber security breaches;
- xix) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity further acknowledges and recognizes the contribution of Pavan Duggal and his untiring efforts to constantly developing emerging jurisprudence on cyber security law in specific and Cyberlaw in general;
- xx) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting appreciates the role of Pavan Duggal Associates, Advocates in putting together the International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity on such a massive magnitude;
- xxi) The Inter-Ministerial Meeting further salutes the support provided by all the supporters of the International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity in growing the conference to its present levels and further encourages

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the said conference to keep on expanding its ambit and scope, so as to deal with the emerging challenges facing cyberspace today as well as in the coming times.

Participants of the following countries attended the Inter-Ministerial Meeting on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity, 2018:

1. Gambia
2. Malta
3. Zambia
4. Senegal
5. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
6. South Africa
7. Federal Republic of Germany
8. Bangladesh
9. China
10. South Africa
11. India

Observer: **Brazil, Bangladesh**

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