

United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime

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Why in News?

The Supreme Court recently asked the Centre to take a call on ratifying the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime.

- **Adoption** - The Convention was adopted by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on December 24, 2024.
- **Signing Ceremony** - It was opened for signature at a high-level conference in Hanoi, Vietnam, on October 25, 2025, where 72 UN member states signed the treaty.
- **Key Objectives** - The Convention is the first comprehensive global treaty on cybercrime, aiming to address the borderless nature of criminal activity involving Information and Communications Technology (ICT) systems.
 - **Harmonization** - To harmonize national approaches by requiring States Parties to establish certain criminal offenses in their domestic laws.
 - **International Cooperation** - To facilitate rapid and effective cross-border cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of crimes.
 - **Evidence Sharing** - To establish frameworks for the timely collection and sharing of electronic evidence for serious crimes, even when those crimes are not "cyber-dependent."
 - **Capacity Building** - To promote technical assistance and capacity building, particularly for developing nations, to help them implement the provisions.
- **Enforcement** - It will enter into force 90 days after the 40th State ratified its provisions.

Reference

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