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The Australian Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and has the honour to refer to Estonia's participation as European Vice Chair of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes ('the Committee').

Australia works very closely with Estonia on the Committee and requests that Estonia reconsider its decision to withdraw its position as Vice Chair and place on the Bureau. Negotiations on the draft cyber crime convention are at a critical point and Estonia's withdrawal would shift the balance towards those state parties that seek to legitimise digital authoritarianism and undermine international cybercrime cooperation.

Should a convention be negotiated contrary to our shared interests, it would degrade international criminal justice and human rights protections and undermine our mutual response to the illegal invasion of Ukraine.

The Australian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia the assurances of its highest consideration.



Tallinn
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