Cyber Law Toolkit:
Call for Submissions for the 2024 Annual Update

The Cyber Law Toolkit is a dynamic interactive web-based resource for legal practitioners and scholars working on international law and cyber operations. The Toolkit consists of a growing number of hypothetical scenarios, each of which contains a description of cyber incidents inspired by real-world examples and accompanied by detailed legal analysis. The aim of the analysis is to provide thorough examination of the applicability of international law to the diverse scenarios and related legal issues. The Toolkit has been expressly referenced in a growing number of State national positions on international law in cyberspace and it has become a key reference point for governments, militaries, international organizations, and academics. It is available free of charge at cyberlaw.ccdcoe.org.

We are pleased to issue this call for submissions for new scenarios to be included in the next general update of the Toolkit in September 2024. Proposals of no more than 500 words should contain a factual description of a hypothetical cyber incident or series of cyber incidents and explain, in a narrative form and with footnote references to the relevant sources, which issues of international law are raised by those facts. Interested authors are invited to refer to the existing scenarios for the expected level of complexity and style of analysis. Authors of successful proposals will be offered to develop their submissions into full-length scenarios (approx. 3,000-5,000 words) according to the production timeline set out below. Scenarios that will pass the internal review and external peer review will be included in the 2024 update of the Toolkit. Scenario authors will receive an honorarium of 750 euros per scenario and their contribution will be publicly acknowledged in the Toolkit.

Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to cyberlaw@exeter.ac.uk no later than Friday 1 December 2023. Submitted proposals should be accompanied by your name, affiliation, e-mail address and a brief note about your research interests and key relevant publications. Any questions about the Toolkit or the suitability of a possible scenario proposal may be directed by e-mail to the Scenario Editor of the Toolkit, Mr Otakar Horák (otakar.horak@ccdcoe.org).

The production timeline for the 2024 update is planned as follows:

- October 2023: Announcement of the call for submissions
- 1 December 2023: Deadline for submissions
- 15 December 2023: Notification of results
- 28 February 2024: Deadline for submission of draft full scenarios
- March 2024: Internal review
- April-May 2024: External peer review
- 15 July 2024: Deadline for submission of the final text of the scenarios
- September 2024: Publication of the successful scenarios in the Toolkit