

Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty (DLT)

Riyadh, November 11 to 22, 2024

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

prepared by the Secretariat

1. Since the meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty (Diplomatic Conference), at which the Preparatory Committee approved the list of invitees to the Diplomatic Conference (documents DLT/2/PM/4 Rev. and DLT/2/PM/7 paragraph 109), the Director General has received a request from the following intergovernmental organization (IGO) for admission to attend the Diplomatic Conference as observer:

Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO).

2. A short profile of the IGO referred to in paragraph 1 above – its headquarters, objectives and structure – appears in the Annex to this document. It is proposed that the afore-mentioned IGO be invited to the Diplomatic Conference as “Observer”.

3. *The Diplomatic Conference is invited to take a decision on the invitation of the IGO to the Diplomatic Conference, as noted in paragraph 2 above.*

[Annex follows]

Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO)

Headquarters: DCO was founded in 2020 and has its headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Objectives: DCO aims to raise the level of cooperation, understanding and coordination of positions among members that serve, *inter alia*, scientific, social and economic interests in regional and international forums in a manner that helps prevent threats to countries or risks to the safety of their citizens or residents. The goals of DCO also include the coordination among the members on legislation in the area of platforms that enable digital transformation. In that context, DCO is dedicated to advancing digital cooperation and achieving social prosperity and growth of the digital economy by unifying efforts to advance digital transformation and promote common interest. DCO strives to create a world where every country, business and person has a fair opportunity to prosper in a cross-border and sustainable digital economy. Key impact initiatives of DCO include, *inter alia*, programs to enhance cross-border data flows, promote market expansion for startups, empower digital entrepreneurs and advance digital inclusion among women and youth. The organization works collaboratively with governments, the private sector, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and civil society to enable more inclusive digital transformation and growth of digital industries.

Structure: DCO has 16 Member States from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. The supreme authority of DCO is the Council, consisting of representatives designated by the Ministers of Communications and Information Technology of the Member States. The Executive Committee streamlines the decision-making process of the organization, while the General Secretariat, led by the Secretary-General, runs the operations of the Organization.

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