

Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on attacks against information systems and repealing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA (COM(2010)517 final)

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UNION POLICIES OF THE ITALIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES**

The Committee on European Union Policies of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, following consideration of the “Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on attacks against information systems and repealing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA (COM(2010)517 final)”,

Noting that the proposal meets the objective of improving the existing measures for combating attacks on information systems;

Bearing in mind that:

cyber attacks are on the rise, and are becoming increasingly alarming in terms both of the economic damage caused to the victims, including public administrations and private stakeholders, which may be quantified in tens of millions of Euros, and of the violation of privacy by acts of espionage for the purposes of sabotage or extortion, and the protection of the legal sphere of victims themselves;

the techniques used to attack computer systems are becoming increasingly more sophisticated, as evidenced in particular by botnet attacks, which were able to disseminate extremely dangerous viruses and simultaneously infect a very large number of computers;

the attacks are the work of criminal organisations working regardless of State boundaries;

individual Member States cannot effectively protect their computer networks which are often transnational in character, which necessarily requires joint action agreed at the European level and even, in more general terms, internationally;

the proposal for a directive identifies specific cases of crimes and lays down minimum penalties for them, and proposes to strengthen judicial co-operation in the matter of criminal law, which appears specifically to meet the aim of strengthening the legal instruments available to the Member States of the European Union to undertake effective and coordinated action to counter attacks against information systems;

having appraised that the serious nature of attacks against information systems and the continuing development of the network justify more general measures to



be adopted by the European institutions to govern cases which do not appear to be covered at the present time;

Deeming the substance of the proposal to be compliant with the principle of proportionality;

CONSIDERS THE PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE TO BE  
COMPLIANT

with the principle of subsidiarity pursuant to article 5 of the Treaty on European Union.