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## Chairman of the Investigative Committee Takes Part in a Meeting of the Security Council of Russia



Alexander Ivanovich Bastrykin, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, took part in a video conference meeting of the Security Council of Russia. The meeting was titled “On the Formation of International Mechanisms to Combat Cybercrime and Ensure Stability in the Information Sphere.”

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Dmitry Anatolyevich Medvedev. It was also attended by permanent members of the Council and representatives of a number of government agencies.

In his speech, D.A. Medvedev noted that “digital technologies have completely changed the whole world. At the same time, threats to global information security are increasing. Organized crime and international terrorists are actively using the digital environment. The practice of creating interethnic

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groups by hackers is widespread. Their members can be located on the territory of different continents, which creates serious challenges in investigating computer crimes.”

The Chairman of the IC of Russia has repeatedly noted that the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, within its competence, has established systematic work to identify and investigate crimes committed using information and communication technologies. He has emphasized that over the years there has been an increase in the number of crimes in this category. So, more than 8,000 such crimes were detected in 2019, more than 11,000 in 2020, and more than 12,000 in 2021. Notably, the quality of investigations conducted by the IC is at a consistently high level.

The structure of the Investigative Committee includes a specialized subdivision dealing with cybercrimes and high-tech crimes, as well as a subdivision for computer technical and engineering examination, whose officers carry out preliminary investigation and examination of criminal cases under investigation. Also, in order to respond to new threats in a timely manner, the IC of Russia has developed systemic measures, including the introduction of technical complexes and tools, interdepartmental automated search systems, regional developments aimed at detecting, preventing and suppressing cybercrimes. Training and upskilling of investigators and experts is carried out to meet new challenges.

The IC of Russia has proposed a number of mechanisms to efficiently resolve the existing contradictions in the field of cybercrime and effectively investigate them.

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