

Russia's ICT and Cybersecurity Agreements

Asia

Country	Date	Agreement
Azerbaijan ¹	December 2019	Azerbaijani space company Azercosmos and the Russian Satellite Communications Company, a component of the Russian Ministry of Communications and Mass Media, sign a cooperation agreement on satellite communications and broadcasting services.
China ²	May 2015	Russia and China sign an intergovernmental agreement creating a legal framework for dialogue between their relevant government departments on information security issues, including joint responses to security threats, training of specialists, and information exchanges.
	December 2015	Russia's Safe Internet League - an affiliate of Rostelekom, Russia's largest state-owned telecommunications provider - signs a cooperation agreement with China on exchanging experience in cybersecurity, preparing joint reports, conducting joint research, staging war-games in the sphere of state information security, and countering information warfare.
	December 2015	Kaspersky Labs, a Russian cybersecurity company with likely Kremlin ties ³ , and Chinese company Zhongguo Wangan sign an agreement on cyber security cooperation.
	October 2019: <i>Not yet confirmed</i>	Chinese and Russian media sources said that Russia's internet censorship agency, Roskomnadzor, and its Chinese counterpart would sign a new agreement on combating illegal online content at an international security conference in China. There has been no report on whether a deal was actually signed at the conference.
India ⁴	October 2016	Russia and India sign a bilateral agreement on security cooperation in the use of information and communications technologies (ICT).
Kazakhstan ⁵	April 2017	Kazakhtelecom, Kazakhstan's state-owned telecommunications company, and Solar Security, a Russian information security company owned by Rostelecom, sign a memorandum of partnership on interaction in cybersecurity.
	June 2018	Russia and Kazakhstan's central banks sign a cooperation agreement in information security.
North Korea ⁶	October 2017	Russia reportedly begins providing North Korea with internet access. Russian telecoms provider TransTeleCom now provides North Korea with ~60% of its internet service, allowing for closer ties between the two countries and the possibility of North Korean cyberattacks via Russia's internet.
The Philippines ⁷	September 2018	Russia and the Philippines sign a memorandum of understanding on responding to cybersecurity incidents, exchanging information on cybersecurity threats, and conducting joint research and development on cybersecurity technologies.
Singapore ⁸	August 2019	Russia and Singapore sign a memorandum of understanding that likely includes a cyber component. A joint statement from both parties following the signing discussed Russia's intent to cooperate on countering cybercrime with Singapore's Cyber Security Agency.

Turkmenistan ⁹	October 2019	Russia and Turkmenistan sign an agreement on international information security cooperation.
Vietnam ¹⁰	September 2018	Russia and Vietnam sign an agreement on international information security cooperation.
	May 2019	Kaspersky Labs and the Vietnamese government sign an agreement that allows Kaspersky to provide antivirus services for Vietnamese government agencies and critical infrastructure facilities.
	June 2020	Russia and Vietnam sign an international information security cooperation agreement for 2020 – 2021. The agreement allows interested departments to intensify direct action on issues relating to national security in the information sphere.

South America

Country	Date	Agreement
Argentina ¹¹	December 2017	Russia and Argentina sign a memorandum on cooperation that covers a broad range of security issues, including cybercrime.
Brazil ¹²	May 2010	Russia and Brazil sign a non-aggression agreement regarding information weapons. The agreement is one of the first bilateral agreements of its kind.
	July 2015	Russia's MePHI Institute, a Kremlin-affiliated nuclear research institute, and Brazilian water and sanitation company Sanepar sign an agreement on cyber defense technology, covering both software and physical infrastructure.
	January 2020	Kaspersky Labs opens an accountability center in Sao Paolo, Brazil. Kaspersky claims its transparency centers are facilities where Kaspersky partners can come learn about Kaspersky's products and services in more detail.
Venezuela ¹³	March 2019	Russia deploys 99 military personnel to Venezuela, including cybersecurity personnel. The deployment was made possible due to a military-technical cooperation agreement between Russia and Venezuela.
Cuba ¹⁴	July 2014	Russia and Cuba sign an agreement on cooperation in information security. The deal includes jointly fighting cybercrime and maintaining security of critical infrastructure.
	March 2019	Russia and Cuba sign a memorandum of understanding on strengthening cooperation on cybersecurity and telecommunications.
	October 2019	Russia and Cuba sign a memorandum of understanding and cooperation on security issues, including cybersecurity.

Europe

Country	Date	Agreement
Belarus ¹⁵	September 2019	Russia and Belarus sign a plan for cooperation in information security. The plan establishes consultations, information sharing, and coordinated assessment and response to cyber threats.
Portugal ¹⁶	November 2018	Russia and Portugal sign a memorandum of understanding on cybersecurity consultations. According to the memorandum, Russia will provide Portugal consultation on "specific issues of cybersecurity," but the memorandum does not define those issues.
Serbia ¹⁷	September 2017	Russia and Serbia sign a cooperation agreement calling for Serbian police forces to receive training and help from Russian experts to fight cybercrime.

	January 2019	Russia and Serbia sign a cooperation agreement on atomic energies. The deal stipulates exchange of innovative technologies, including cybersecurity.
Turkey ¹⁸	April 2018	Russia's and Turkey's communications ministries sign a memorandum of understanding on ICT's. The deal calls for broader cooperation, including at the level of communications companies.

Africa

Country	Date	Agreement
Burundi ¹⁹	October 2019	A major tech company in Burundi, <i>INGO Tech s.a.r.l.</i> , buys licenses for Russian software from the Russian New Cloud Technologies cybersecurity company. This was New Cloud's first international contract. Kaspersky Labs owns 50 percent of New Cloud.
Rwanda ²⁰	October 2016	Russia and Rwanda sign an agreement on military technical cooperation, which includes Russia providing information and cybersecurity technologies.
South Africa ²¹	September 2017	Russia and South Africa sign a cooperation agreement on maintaining international information security, including regular bilateral consultations. The agreement calls for creating a joint system for responding to and investigating cyber threats and the use of ICTs for terrorist and criminal purposes, jointly drafting and advancing the relevant norms of international law, implementing joint research and development projects, and training experts in this field. The document allows closer coordination in the United Nations, BRICS, and the International Telecommunication Union.
Uganda ²²	October 2018	Russia and Uganda sign a memorandum of cooperation on ICTs.

International Organizations

Organization	Date	Agreement
BRICS ²³	August 2019	Russia, along with the other BRICS members, signs a letter of intent for joint cooperation on ICT use within the BRICS group. BRICS agrees to share information on national digital identification systems, big data for government policy, and national data management systems. BRICS also agreed to cooperate with Russia on the development of smart cities.
CIS ²⁴	October 2019	The CIS member states sign the CIS October 2019 Information Security Strategy. The strategy builds on two previous documents signed in 2008 and 2013, both regarding the information security of the CIS member states, and calls for a coherent CIS information security policy as well as cooperation among member states.
	October 2019	The CIS member states sign a convention on cooperation in the digital development of society. The documents state an intent to build a "digital environment" across the CIS and "create conditions for the integration of modern information and communication infrastructure and new technologies, increase the efficiency of data exchange and the implementation of innovative projects."
CSTO ²⁵	April 2019	CSTO member states sign a cooperation agreement on information security. The agreement stipulates strengthening inter-agency collaboration, improving mechanisms to counter threats in the information sphere, and providing mutual assistance to develop the technological base for ensuring the information security of member states.

United Nations ²⁶	December 2019	The UN General Assembly passes Russia's UN Resolution on ICTs. The resolution focuses on countering cybercrime and protecting states' rights in cyberspace.
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Setbacks

Country	Date	Agreement
Spain ²⁷	November 2018	Russia and Spain sign an agreement to create a joint cyber-security group to stop the spread of damaging disinformation campaigns. Russia and Spain signed the deal in November 2018, but a Spanish official stated in December 2019 that no progress had been made toward implementing the agreement, indicating the deal is facing setbacks.

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