



**REFORMING THE LAW RELATING TO CYBERCRIME
IN SRI LANKA: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS IN THE FACE
OF THE BUDAPEST CONVENTION**

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ABSTRACT

Cybercrime has caused significant fears to individuals and businesses including to the national security in Sri Lanka, demanding a wide range of legal reforms to fight against such challenges successfully. The research paper focuses on the existing legal framework relating to cybercrime in Sri Lanka compared with the standards specified in the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. The significance of the study is to identify the gaps in the present legal system and to address the shortcomings thereby improving cybersecurity measures in Sri Lanka. The objective of the study is to systematically evaluate the existing cybercrime laws in Sri Lanka through a critical analysis following the provisions specified in the Budapest Convention. Through the systematic review methodology, the research paper deals with the definition and classification of cybercrimes, procedural mechanisms for investigation and prosecution, and avenues for international cooperation through this comprehensive analysis. Through its systematic approach, the research aims to provide a solution to strengthen cybersecurity measures to create a safe digital environment within the parameters.

Key Words – Cybercrime, Budapest Convention, Sri Lankan cybercrime laws, cyber-security, digital era.