



## **IOCCO Response to Investigatory Powers Bill 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

*Today the Government has published the Investigatory Powers Bill together with a number of factsheets, operational case studies and impact assessments. A vast amount of information has been published and we will respond in more detail once we have been able to scrutinise properly the proposals.*

*In brief:*

- On powers: We are pleased to note that the Bill addresses a number of the concerns and inadequacies that we have set out previously regarding the current legislative framework. We also welcome the avowal of the use of section 94 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 so that this capability can be debated and considered properly; a point made by our previous Commissioner the Rt Hon. Sir Anthony May in his July 2015 report.*
- On oversight: We look forward to scrutinising the enhanced safeguards and oversight proposals to ensure that they are adequate, effective and will deliver the "world leading oversight arrangements" that the Home Secretary referred to today.*

*It is crucial for the public to understand fully the privacy implications of these powers and how they may be used to combat terrorism, prevent and detect crime and protect vulnerable members of the public.*

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