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Page 190, the numbering of the recommendations should read as follows:*1.1.1. Recommendations to Germany*

1. Consider implementing additional and easy-to-use ways for transmitting information between police and prosecutors in the 16 *Länder* in a secure way (using encryption);
2. Consider further improving the exchange of best practices in the field of training of practitioners between the 16 *Länder*;
3. Consider ensuring that police and other law enforcement authorities participate in cyber-exercises organised by national institutions, such as BSI, in order to identify any possibilities for improvement of their working procedures;
4. Continue the promotion of the use of JITs, e.g. by further making information available to practitioners, notably prosecutors, about the possibilities and advantages of JITs;
5. Consider allowing comparisons of the hash-values of child sexual abuse material with material available in open sources;
6. Consider introducing specific instructions (guidelines) for assisting the online reporting of cyber-criminality, especially for small and medium enterprises.
7. Continue efforts to allow e-evidence to be presented in court proceedings in digital form;
8. Consider the possibility of aligning the format of statistics from the police and the prosecution services to allow them to be compared¹.

¹ Germany recalls that Article 14(2) of Directive 2013/40/EU specifically does not oblige Member States to expand their collection and evaluation of statistics.