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### **Why Are Binding Inter-State Cybersecurity Agreements Formed?**

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【Abstract】The construction of international security rules in emerging technology fields has become a critical focus for the international community. In the realm of cybersecurity, although the process of establishing global rules faces significant challenges, some countries have already reached international treaties, government statements, and other formal cybersecurity agreements at bilateral and multilateral levels. Why do some international cybersecurity collaborations result in binding agreements while others cannot? Existing research often lacks clear distinctions among different types of cybersecurity rules, overlooks the dynamic interactions between states during the rule-making processes, or selectively applies case studies. This paper focuses on binding cybersecurity agreements between countries and uses common consequences of cybersecurity threats and the perception of regime threats between states as independent variables. The author constructs a theoretical framework based on countries' gain-loss analysis and conducts a comparative analysis and process tracing of four cases: the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime, the consensus between China and the United States on cybersecurity issues, the UN process on cyber arms control rules, and US-Russia cybersecurity dialogues. The study finds that common consequences of cybersecurity threats and perceptions of regime threats between countries, by shaping common interests in cooperation and influencing the estimation of default losses and the credibility of commitments, jointly affect the achievement of binding cybersecurity agreements.

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