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of The Internet Governance Council of the Republic of Armenia

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Agenda

1. Presentation of Computer Emergency Response Team of Internet Society of Armenia “The system of registration and awareness of vulnerabilities in the network of the RA”. Speaker – G. Saghyan.
2. Discussion related to the possibility of forming professional community of network security.
3. Other issues.

Participants - IGC members

1. Gagik Tadevosyan – Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Armenia (Committee Chair).
2. Shaqe Mejlumyan – Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia
3. Samvel Hovsepyan - Police of the Republic of Armenia
4. Lusine Sargsyan – Head of the Legal Analysis Department of the Staff of the Ombudsman of the RA
5. Hayk Chobanyan - Union of IT Enterprises (UITE) Deputy Director
6. Karen Gasparyan – Head of Division of Information Security of Ucom LLC
7. Tigran Harutyunyan – Noyan Tapan holding LLC
8. Vladimir Sahakyan - Institute for Informatics and Automation Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia SNCO
9. Samvel Martirosyan - Information security expert
10. Grigori Saghyan - Internet Society NGO

Other participants:

1. Suren Petrosyan - Head of the communication and information department of the staff of MTC,
2. Norayr Stepanyan - Head of division, deputy head of the communication and information department of the staff of the MTC
3. Arman Galstyan - the Chief specialist of the communication and information department of the staff of the MTC
4. Lianna Galstyan - Internet Society NGO Board Member
5. Armen Tiratunyan- the representative of Armenia Telephone Company (ARMENTEL) CJSC
6. Hakob Martirosyan –K- Telecom CJSC
7. Kim Avanesyan - K- Telecom CJSC
8. Misak Khachatryan – GNC-ALFA CJSC

9. Armen Muradyan – ARPINET
10. Arnak Miqayelyan – ARPINET
11. Artak Badalyan – Dzoraghbyur hamalir
12. Armen Adamyan - Dzoraghbyur hamalir
13. Andranik Minasyan – “ARANEА” Telecommunication Company
14. Andranik Avetisyan - “ARANEА” Telecommunication Company
15. Arman Khachatryan – Arminco LLC
16. Inna Kholodova - Internet Society NGO
17. Andranik Vardaneyan - Internet Society NGO

Apologies:

IGC members: Arsen Gabrielyan, Hovhannes Nikoghosyan, Andranik Aleksanyan, Davit Sandukhchyan, Tigran Zargaryan, Liana Doydoyan, Boris Navasardyan, Gagik Makaryan

The Chair proposed to include into the agenda the draft of amendments to the Law of RA on “Gambling Games”. The proposal was adopted by the Council.

Head of the Legal Analysis Department of the Staff of the Ombudsman of the RA Lusine Sargsyan proposed to present the concept of the Council of Europe related to Child online Protection at the next meeting and to discuss it for localization in RA.

The proposal was adopted by the Council.

The invited representatives of Operators participated in the discussion of the first and second points of the agenda.

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- 2. Discussion related to the possibility of forming professional community of network security.**

Grigori Saghyan presented a report about the information on network vulnerabilities and targeted dissemination of that information. As a result of discussion it was decided to set two-month experimental period for the provision of vulnerabilities, after which participants will form their opinion both on the issue and on formation of network security community.

- 3. Discussion of the draft of amendments to the Law of RA on “Gambling Games”.**

The IGC Chairman presented the project of proposed amendments, noting that the obstacles discussed in the previous IGC meeting are provided in the attached documents. The suggestions and comments received from operators for amendments to the Law were also presented.

During the discussion regarding amendments to the Law the IGC Secretary presented a reference. As a result of discussion on amendments to the Law the opinions about the following possible dangers were offered, which should be taken into account in case of changes in the Law:

- An additional financial burden will arise for operators, which will lead to growth of tariffs of electronic communications operators.
- The barring devices will allow to spread the usage of that equipment not only for restriction of Gambling access, but also for restriction of access to other information.
- In case of implementation changes for its complete restriction it will be necessary to use strict mechanisms (blocking of cryptographic traffic, damping of virtual circuits, deep packet inspection) for blocking access to a limited number of sites, at the same time the complete application of restriction means will revoke the Armenian internet users access to other sources.
- A dangerous precedent is being created, other licensed organizations, particularly operators of electronic communications will have right to demand for restriction of such kind of services, which have not license to operate in RA (Google, Skype, Viber and others).
- The tourists will not have an opportunity to access their preferred gambling sites within the territory of RA.
- The economic assessment is not mentioned in the given project, which makes impossible to compare expected losses with expected revenues.
- The users will play the games presented on Facebook, which will require blocking the access to the largest social network.
- International practice shows, that in case of restrictions the users move to the “dark internet” (Darknet), there is no control for users, but drug addiction, gambling games, propaganda of joining to criminal groups are widely represented.

As a result of discussion it was proposed to present a letter to the Ministry of Finance regarding the amendments to the Law, as well as the conclusions of the meeting and recommendations of IGC secretary.

Decisions:

1. To set a two-month experimental period for the provision of targeted information about vulnerabilities.
2. To summarize and present suggestions on amendments to the Law of RA on “Gambling Games”.

Chair

Gagik Tadevosyan

Secretary

Grigori Saghyan

Comments and Recommendations
Concerning to "Gambling and Casinos"
Additions and changes to the Law of RA

1. The definition of Internet gambling.

1.1 It is proposed to fill this definition by abbreviation "within the scope of this Law".

1.2 The Republic of Armenia has not allocated Internet protocol IP address. If the operators of the RA want to have IP addresses they apply to Resource IP European (RIPE) organization registered in the Netherlands, which provides the operator with a range of IP addresses. In this regard it is offered to edit the definition.

1.3 The appropriate table of IP numbers and IR does not contain any information resource for .AM TLD which is related to gambling. It is proposed to remove this section of definition and do not consider the registered .AM domain names as the territory of RA.

1.4 It is recommended to edit the "ՄՄ" domain zone "definition as .AM domain zone.

2. The acting operators of RA, in most cases, (especially blocking by IP number or domain names) are unable to block the bypass blocking cases by users. It is recommended to mention such blocking methods which are required to be installed by operators. It is also recommended to mention the installation financing sources for blocking methods.