Subject: Letter regarding obligation under Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232

Dear [Recipient],

With regard to your letter ref. ARES (2022) 8761361, concerning non-compliance with obligation of providing statistics under Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council, please find below the required information from Bulgaria.

Article 8(1), a) – “the total number of reports of detected online child sexual abuse that have been submitted by providers and organizations acting in the public interest against child sexual abuse to the competent national law enforcement authorities, differentiating, where such information is available, between the absolute number of cases and those cases reported several times and the type of provider on whose service the online child sexual abuse was detected”:
- 2 reports by providers for the period of the last two years;
- 6 reports by organizations acting in the public interest against child sexual abuse (INHOPE through “Safenet”)

for the period October 2021 - August 2022, 9112 alerts were received about web pages containing child sexual abuse materials, hosted by Bulgarian providers;

Article 8(1), b) – “the number of children identified through actions pursuant to Article 3, differentiated by gender”:

in 2022 the total number of the child sexual abuse victims is 62, between the age of 6 to 16, where 50 are female and 12 are male;

We would like to inform you, that the statistics under Article 8(1), c) “the number of perpetrators convicted”, will be provided additionally in a short period.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,
Subject: Additional information regarding the obligation under Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232

Brussels, 06 March 2023
Ref. № 4.3.7-269/06.03.23

Dear [Name]

With regard to my letter Ref. № 4.3.7-269/30.01.23, ref. ARES (2022) 8761361, concerning non-compliance with obligation of providing statistics under Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council, please find below additional information concerning the required information from Bulgaria.

The required statistics under Article 8(1), c) – “the number of perpetrators convicted”, are as follows:

2021 – 4 convicted perpetrators under article 155a from the Bulgarian Penal Code; 1 convicted perpetrator under article 155b from the Bulgarian Penal Code; 18 convicted perpetrators under article 159 from the Bulgarian Penal Code; 23 convictions in total.

2022 – 3 convicted perpetrators under article 155a from the Bulgarian Penal Code; 3 convicted perpetrator under article 155b from the Bulgarian Penal Code; 23 convicted perpetrators under article 159 from the Bulgarian Penal Code; 29 convictions in total.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,