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Subject: Obligation to report on statistics according to the Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232

The Czech Republic would like to fulfil the obligation under the Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2021 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse.

We would like to present relevant statistical data as required under the Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 for the time period from 1 January 2022 to 31 July 2022. This time period refers to the structural change of competent authority in respect of central reporting and methodology of the Child sexual abuse online within the Police of the Czech Republic.

The Bureau of the Criminal Police and Investigation Service, the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic, prepared the statistical data which is possible to obtain from the official statistics gathered within the Police of the Czech Republic and from the specific analyses, which are carried out by experts on the Child sexual abuse.

Data gathered:

- A total number of 13,279 NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) reports were received by the dedicated unit in the Czech Republic from: Facebook, Instagram, Discord, Google, Snapchat and TikTok. These providers are being the most frequently reporting/sending service providers.

- Of the total number, a total of 1250 reports were evaluated as suspicious, involving a total of 160 suspects, of which:
  - 130 cases are under the criminal investigation
  - 20 offenders have already been sentenced
  - In 10 cases, according to the specific circumstances of the case (usually the questioning of the suspect and further follow-up investigation), it was assessed that there was no further suspicion of a crime.
- Of the total number of NCMEC reports received, 20 children were identified as having made "selfie" videos, and appropriate action was taken in relation to these children.
- Of the total number of NCMEC reports received, 10 children were prevented from further sexual abuse in the real world while photo and video footage of the abuse was taken by the suspects.

The difference between reports received and investigated cases is caused by several main reasons, namely that the CSA material detected in the report is not assessed as criminal in terms of national regulation and the report contains the CSA material file, but the age of the person cannot be determined. Another reason for the mentioned difference is the merging of reports, when more than one report applies to a certain suspect.

The number of reports obtained by the competent authority is increasing, by November 2022, 21,588 NCMEC reports were received and evaluated, it is more than 200% increase compared to 2021.

Yours faithfully,