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## GSI RECEIVES PROPOSALS FOR CYBERSECURITY IN THE COUNTRY THIS THURSDAY - BRAZIL

Agencia Brasil - The creation of a national agency and the increase in the budget to combat cybercrime are some of the proposals contained in the document Contributions of Civil Society and Productive Sectors to the National Cybersecurity Strategy, which will be presented today (1st) to the Institutional Security Office of the Presidency of the Republic (GSI), in the capital of São Paulo. The report is the first contribution to the development of projects that help the country in the construction of the new National Cybersecurity Strategy, prepared by the GSI, through the National Cybersecurity Committee (CNCiber).

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK LAW REGULATIONS - CHILE

Cibersecurity.gov.cl - Until August 12, 2024, public consultation is open on the drafts of some of the regulations that must be issued before the entry into force of Law No. 21,663 Cybersecurity Framework. As of July 31, 2024, the virtual public consultation is open on the regulations that must be issued for the implementation of the future National Cybersecurity Agency, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 21,663, framework on cybersecurity. Public consultation is a participatory process open to all people, including representatives of trade union organizations, civil society, academia and individuals, which aims to collect opinions, suggestions and proposals for improvement on the proposed regulation.

## IMPLICATIONS OF THE UNION LIBERTY LATIN AMERICA AND MILLICOM IN COSTA RICA

DPL - It has been a week of important announcements in the telecommunications sector of Costa Rica. On Wednesday, the Telecommunications Superintendency (Sutel) launched the 5G auction poster and a day later Liberty Latin America (LLA) and Millicom announced the combination of their operations in the country. Under the terms of the agreement, Liberty Latin America would have majority control with an 86 percent stake and Millicom would retain 14 percent. The transaction must still be reviewed by the Costa Rican competition body, so the percentages could vary in the final closing - although LLA would continue as controller of the combined unit.

## MILLICOM GOES AFTER TELEFÓNICA'S OPERATION IN COLOMBIA

ICT Impact - The telecommunications market in Colombia woke up with new news: Millicom and Telefónica signed an agreement to merge their operations in the country in a transaction of 400 million dollars. To be exact, Millicom seeks to buy Cotel (Colombia Comunicaciones), the name of Telefónica's subsidiary in the country, a group in which the Spanish operator owns 67.49% of the shares, while the Colombian State owns 32.49% of them, apart from 14 minority shareholders.

## **THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX WILL VISIT SEVERAL REGIONS OF COLOMBIA TO ADDRESS CYBERSECURITY AND CHILD CARE**

La Libertad - In an expected visit scheduled for mid-August, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, will arrive in the region with a special focus on cybersecurity and child care issues. During their stay, the dukes will participate in various activities and meetings with experts in technology and children's education, with the aim of promoting online safety and the well-being of children.

## **ICT MINISTRY AND HACKER GIRLS LAUNCH 'WOMEN TRAINING SERIES' TO TRAIN 1,000 WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY - COLOMBIA**

Revista CLevel - The ICT Ministry of Colombia, in alliance with the Hacker Girls community, has launched the 'Women Training Series' program. This initiative seeks to promote the participation of women in the technology industry, offering free training in Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity for 1,000 women. This effort is part of a broader commitment to close the gender gap in the technology sector and provide better job opportunities. The program will be available from July 31 to October 25, 2024. During this period, participants will receive 33 hours of training through 14 master classes taught by recognized experts and leaders in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity. In addition, networking spaces and a job fair will be offered at the end of the course to facilitate the employability of female talent in response to the needs of companies.

## **FEDERAL POLICE STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION TIES WITH GREAT BRITAIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CYBERCRIME - MEXICO**

Gob.mx - Due to the importance of strengthening and strengthening ties of collaboration with other nations, the National Security Commission, through the Federal Police and in coordination with the Embassy of the United Kingdom, held the Cybersecurity Workshop that brought together specialists in the matter. During the opening ceremony, the First Secretary of Political and Economic Affairs of the Embassy of the United Kingdom, Caroline Pritchard, and the Head of the Scientific Division, Commissioner General Doctor Ciro Humberto Ortiz Estrada, attended.

## **PEÑOLES AND FRESNILLO MINING COMPANIES HACKED - MEXICO**

El Imparcial - The mining company Industrias Peñoles and its subsidiary Fresnillo, both belonging to Grupo Balmores, reported yesterday that they were victims of a cybersecurity incident. He added that the company's Information Technology areas, together with external specialists, investigate and evaluate the scope of the incident on a priority and confidential basis. "The company's business units operate normally through the use of alternate and backup systems. "There has been no material adverse effect on the operations, results or financial position of the company, which is examined on an ongoing basis until the situation has been fully resolved," he added.

## **CYBERCRIME PROSECUTOR REVEALS DEFICIENCIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CYBERCRIME IN PARAGUAY**

RDN - In an interview with the newspaper El Nacional, prosecutor Ruth Benítez, in charge of computer crimes, addressed the current situation of the fight against cybercrime in Paraguay. The agent lamented the lack of adequate equipment and software to address the challenges posed by these crimes, stating that “we make our country with the little we have.” Benítez highlighted the importance of international cooperation to overcome the technological deficiencies faced by Paraguayan authorities. He explained that the high cost of software licenses needed to investigate cybercrime is a significant obstacle, and that without international support, it is difficult to make progress in the fight against cybercrime.

## **PAYSANDÚ MUNICIPALITY SUFFERED A COMPUTER ATTACK AND HACKERS ASKED FOR US\$650,000 TO RECOVER INFORMATION**

El Observador - The Municipality of Paysandú suffered a computer attack last Wednesday in which it lost "all the information" and left several services of the departmental government without functioning, as confirmed by Mayor Nicolás Olivera to El Observador. The hackers asked to return the information equivalent to the sum of US\$650,000, but in the cryptocurrency Bitcoin. If the Sanducera authorities did not respond within a week, the price for returning the information would double, Olivera commented.

## **ARCOTEL RECOMMENDS TAKING CARE OF YOUR FINGERPRINT AND EVEN THE IRIS OF YOUR EYES DUE TO CYBERSECURITY RISKS - ECUADOR**

El Universo - In the midst of the situation generated by the scanning of the irises developed by the Worldcoin project in Ecuador, in exchange for cryptocurrencies, the Telecommunications Regulation and Control Agency (Arcotel) broadcast a campaign on its social media accounts in which recommends citizens to take care of their biometric data. “Your identity is priceless! You must take care of your fingerprint, the image of your face and even the iris of your eyes, because these are some of your biometric data that can fall into the hands of cybercriminals and steal your information,” says the Arcotel publication.

## **UN TEXT ON CYBERCRIME FACES NEW SCRUTINY FROM TECH COMPANIES**

NewsWeek - UN member states meet Monday seeking to finalize an international treaty on combating cybercrime, a text strongly opposed by an unlikely alliance of human rights groups and big tech companies. The “United Nations Convention against Cybercrime” originated in 2017 when Russian diplomats sent the secretary general of the world body a letter outlining the initiative. Two years later, and despite opposition from the United States and Europe, the General Assembly created an intergovernmental committee in charge of preparing said treaty.

## **USAID DIGITAL POLICY 2024-2034**

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## **MICROSOFT SAYS CYBER-ATTACK TRIGGERED LATEST OUTAGE**

BBC - A global outage affecting Microsoft products including email service Outlook and video game Minecraft has been resolved, the technology giant said in an update. The firm said preliminary investigations show the outage was caused by a cyber-attack and a failure to properly defend against it. Earlier, the company issued an apology for the incident, which lasted almost 10 hours and caused thousands of users to report issues with Microsoft services. It comes less than two weeks after a major global outage left around 8.5 million computers using Microsoft systems inaccessible, impacting healthcare and travel, after a flawed software update by cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike.

## **HOW THE SPACECRAFT CYBERSECURITY ACT CAN PROTECT NASA FROM CYBERATTACKS**

WEF - Nasa's missions are some of the most technologically advanced and critically important endeavours. From the Mars Rover explorations to the Artemis missions to the Moon, the space agency's projects push the boundaries of science and technology. However, these missions are also prime targets for cyber-attacks. In a bold move to counter the escalating threat of these attacks, US congressmen Maxwell Alejandro Frost and Don Beyer have proposed the Spacecraft Cybersecurity Act. If passed, the legislation would mandate the US space agency Nasa to overhaul the way it procures and builds its spacecraft.

## **SMES CAN TURN CYBERSECURITY RISK INTO OPPORTUNITY. HERE'S HOW**

WEF - In today's digital landscape, the size of an enterprise no longer dictates its vulnerability to cyber threats. Cybercriminals often target smaller companies that serve larger clients, exploiting weaker security measures as a gateway to more lucrative targets. Small and medium enterprises (SMEs), serving regulated industries, critical infrastructure and large global corporations, are particularly at risk.

## **CYBERSECURITY RISING CONCERN FOR PACKAGING FIRMS AS DIGITALISATION RAISES THREAT**

Global Data. - Cybersecurity is becoming an increasing concern for companies in the packaging industry as digitalisation increases the risk of attack. A similar trend is being seen across many sectors, and the themes most dominating thinking within the packaging industry are focussed around sustainability. In 2023, for example, 'ESG' (environmental, social and governance) was the most mentioned theme in company filings within the packaging industry – over 322,000 times, GlobalData analytics show. 'Environment', 'climate change', 'carbon emissions', 'sustainability & ethics', 'circular economy' and 'circular plastic economy' all featured in the top 20 most mentioned themes.