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FACT SHEET: BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION CONVENES FOURTH GLOBAL GATHERING TO COUNTER RANSOMWARE

White House - The Biden-Harris Administration remains committed to fostering international partnerships to disrupt the global scourge of ransomware. This week, the White House convened the International Counter Ransomware Initiative (CRI) for its fourth meeting in Washington, D.C. During the four-day event, the Initiative's nearly seventy members discussed methods to counter ransomware attacks in the healthcare industry, collaboration with cyber insurers and the private industry to reduce ransomware payments and increase incident reporting, the security of our critical infrastructure and Internet of Things (IoT), efforts to increase the capacity and incident response capabilities of members, and best practices to counter the flow of money through virtual assets that motivates ransomware actors.

ANATEL DEFINES LIST OF NEW COMPANIES THAT MUST COMPLY WITH OBLIGATIONS OF THE CYBERSECURITY REGULATION - BRAZIL

Gov.br - The Superintendence of Obligations Control (SCO) of the National Telecommunications Agency (Anatel) published this Friday, September 27, Ordinance No. 2899/2024, which establishes the list of new telecommunications providers and operators that must comply with the set of ex ante controls established by the Cybersecurity Regulation Applied to the Telecommunications Sector (R-Ciber), approved by Resolution No. 740/2020, with the amendments of Resolution No. 767/2024. Eleven companies were added. With the amendments, the Agency's prior control was expanded to reach a total of 24 companies. The ordinance was issued after a survey carried out by the SCO. The scope of new providers is a crucial step towards promoting security in telecommunications networks and services, safeguarding critical connectivity infrastructures in the country.

GOVERNMENT AND BANKS HAVE 180 DAYS TO PROPOSE STRATEGY AGAINST CYBERCRIME - BRAZIL

Digital Convergence - The Ministry of Justice has established a working group to discuss actions to prevent and combat fraud, scams, and cybercrimes. The measure complies with one of the clauses of the technical cooperation agreement signed between the ministry and the Brazilian Federation of Banks (Febraban) in August 2024. The committee includes representatives from MJSP and Febraban. The coordination of activities is the responsibility of the Secretariat for Digital Rights (Sedigi). "Sedigi's responsibilities include convening and chairing meetings, in addition to submitting the matters on the agenda to a vote and forwarding the final report of the activities for the minister's approval," says Sedigi's secretary, Lílian Cintra de Melo.

MPRJ CREATES TEMPORARY THEMATIC GROUP TO COMBAT CYBERCRIMES CONTINUES AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT - BRAZIL

Tribuna - The Attorney General of Justice, Luciano Mattos, created this Wednesday (25), through a Resolution, the Temporary Thematic Group to Combat Cybercrimes (GTT Cibercrimes/MPRJ), which will promote strategic and coordinated initiatives for the prevention and repression of cybercrimes. The GTT will last for six months, a period that can be extended as many times as necessary. "This topic requires specialized and coordinated action. Crimes can be committed anywhere, including outside the country. That is why the idea is to strengthen this network of action of the MPs. We will initially foster this articulation between the MPs of Brazil and South America", said Luciano Mattos.

SHEINBAUM PROMISES TO MAKE MEXICO "A SCIENTIFIC AND INNOVATION POWER"

El Economista - The current constitutional president of Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, was recognized throughout her campaign as the scientist who left the classroom to be the first woman to seek the leadership of this country. Today, in fact, she is also the first person dedicated to science to hold this position, which is why the scientific community, the academy, educational institutions and Mexicans in general are waiting to see what role the development of science will play at a national level and what the new perspective will be.

A CYBERSECURITY LAW THAT EQUATES CYBERATTACKS WITH TERRORISM AND GENOCIDE ARRIVES IN THE SENATE - MEXICO

Publimetro - A new initiative was presented in the Senate of the Republic that seeks to reform article 5 of the National Security Law, to include cyber attacks as threats to national security and that places them on par with other crimes considered serious threats to security, such as terrorism, trafficking of chemical weapons or genocide. The proposal, promoted by Senator María del Rocío Corona Nakamura of the Green Ecologist Party of Mexico (PVEM), seeks to add a section XIV to the article in question, so that any illicit activity committed through the use of technological means that affects government institutions or strategic areas of the country, is considered a threat to national stability and peace.

EXPERTS WELCOME CLAUDIA SHEINBAUM'S CYBERSECURITY COMMITMENT - MEXICO

El Economista - Academics and members of the technology industry welcomed President Claudia Sheinbaum's commitment to create a cybersecurity center, one of the promises mentioned in her recent inauguration. The commitment is contained in her list of 100 promises for the new six-year term, specifically in number 34, which also includes the creation of a public software factory and the strengthening of the Mexican space program. Although the proposal has generated positive expectations, specialists insist that cybersecurity must be treated as a cross-cutting issue that covers all areas of technology within the new government.

EVEN BEFORE THE DIGITAL SECURITY AGENCY HAS BEEN CREATED, IT IS ALREADY GENERATING CONTROVERSY: CONGRESSMEN DENOUNCE POSSIBLE 'MICO' - COLOMBIA

Infobae - Colombian congressmen José Jaime Uscátegui and Ciro Rodríguez expressed their opinions on bill 023 of 2023, which proposes the creation of the Digital Security and Space Affairs Agency. This project has generated controversy due to the implications it could have for national security and the country's digital infrastructure. José Jaime Uscátegui, representative to the House for Bogotá, expressed his concern in an interview with La W.

THE MINTIC'S DEFENSE OF THE CREATION OF THE DIGITAL SECURITY AGENCY - COLOMBIA

Portfolio - The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications (MinTic) announced a new project that raised alarm bells in some sectors and political parties. It is about the creation of the Digital Security and Space Affairs Agency, a technical entity that would have as its objective, according to the official, to plan, articulate and manage digital security risks in the country. The controversy began when the representative of the Democratic Center, José Jaime Uscátegui, denounced an alleged "mico" in the project. According to the congressman, one of the articles of the proposal stipulates the power that the National Government would have to "close cyberspace in the face of an attack that affects national sovereignty, the digital ecosystem or the economy," that is, the power to control social networks and the Internet.

ICT MINISTER CONFIRMED ATTACKS AGAINST COP16 CYBERSECURITY - COLOMBIA

Infobae - The Minister of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Mauricio Lizcano, denounced that the Conference of the Parties (COP16) that will take place between October 21 and November 1 in Cali has faced 25 attempts at cyber sabotage. In this way, the head of the portfolio assured that they were neutralized by the national Government: "MinTic will guarantee the internet of the COP and all cybersecurity, we have already had attacks and we are going to have very strong defense rings."

MINTIC ANNOUNCES MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT CYBERSECURITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COP16

Red + - The Ministry of Information and Communications Technology of Colombia (ICT) announced an investment of \$4 billion to improve cybersecurity in the development of COP16, which will take place in Cali between October 21 and November 1, 2024. At the event there will be free connections for all attendees. The ICT Minister, Mauricio Lizcano, said that the most important biodiversity summit in the world will have this investment to reinforce cybersecurity and thus avoid possible attacks.

BCU VICE PRESIDENT SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPACT OF CYBERSECURITY IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR AT THE ANNUAL AGESIC EVENT - URUGUAY

BCU - The vice president of the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU), Martín Inthamoussu, participated in the annual event of the Agency for Electronic Government and the Information and Knowledge Society (Agesic), a space for meeting and working on the advancement of Digital Government and the Information and Knowledge Society at a national level. During the meeting, which took place on Wednesday, October 2, in the annex building of the Executive Tower, vice president Inthamoussu was part of the panel called "Impact of cybersecurity on the digital transformation of the financial sector", together with the general manager of BROU, Mariela Espino; the executive director of the Association of Private Banks of Uruguay (ABPU), Bárbara Mainzer; the CEO of Infocorp, Ana Inés Echavarren, and the executive director of Bantotal, Marcelo Kosec.

CYBERSECURITY: THE FORGOTTEN ISSUE THAT COMPROMISES NATIONAL SECURITY - GUATEMALA

Republic - Data and information have become the most valuable asset for companies and governments globally. Faced with this unavoidable reality, Guatemala remains behind, exposing the country to a series of risks that compromise national security. General overview. Although there are efforts to strengthen cybersecurity systems in sectors such as the financial sector and in entities such as the SAT, these are isolated cases. The absence of State policies and legislation that adequately protect against cyberattacks makes Guatemala an attractive target for foreign intelligence agencies and global criminal networks in search of sensitive information.

INDOTEL WARNS OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE GOVERNANCE TO STRENGTHEN CYBERSECURITY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Diario Libre - During the opening of the tenth edition of the Cybersecurity Symposium of the Office of the United States of America (OAS), the president of the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications (Indotel), Guido Gómez Mazara, explained the benefits and advantages of the technologies, but at the same time warned that they present risks and could be used for "malicious purposes." "If we do not establish adequate governance frameworks, we run the risk of creating new vulnerabilities instead of strengthening our cybersecurity," he said.

JACIRT RAMPS UP EFFORT TO TACKLE EMERGING CYBERTHREATS - JAMAICA

JIS - The Jamaica Cyber Incident Response Team (JaCIRT) is ramping up its effort to tackle emerging cyberthreats through strategic investments, public education and advanced technology integration. Speaking with JIS News recently, Director of JaCIRT, Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.) Godphey Sterling, said the organisation has adopted a tiered approach to cyber defence, ensuring multiple layers of protection and resilience against potential breaches. "Also, we continue to monitor and to treat with the implications of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and quantum computing.



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MINISTRY LAUNCHES D'HUB FOR TEENS TO EXPLORE ICT - T&T

Newsday - The Ministry of Digital Transformation is launching a Developer's Hub (D' Hub) aimed at teenagers aged 16 and above. A statement from the ministry on September 26 said D' Hub community is an avenue in which parents and guardians can introduce their teenagers to cybersecurity, coding, app development and/or digital problem-solving. The ministry said since its launch in June 2023, D' Hub has grown to over 1,000 members and is committed to nurturing young tech enthusiasts in the field of information and communications technology (ICT) and digital innovation.

HOW DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ARE NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAINTY OF DIGITAL ASSET REGULATION IN A COMPLEX ELECTION YEAR

WEF - This year has been called the largest election year in history, as over 60 countries hold national elections. As we approach the end of 2024, it's impossible to ignore the impact of these elections. In addition to shaping domestic policies and international relationships, these elections create uncertainty concerning future regulation, particularly in the fast-evolving digital assets sector. At a time when cryptocurrencies and decentralized finance (DeFi) are gaining mainstream momentum, clear and effective regulation is critical for innovation, security, and stability of global markets.