

Additional information on data collection issues within the Republic of Moldova, related to child sexual abuse and exploitation online

Implementation of the Lanzarote Convention as well as of the Declaration of launching of the Global Alliance against sexual online abuse of children determined the need to create a database in order to systematise the information in this field, at the national level, and to conduct analytical work on pictures and video recordings, which represent child pornography, abuse and sexual exploitation of children for identify the victims of these crimes and their abusers.

Thus, Centre for combating cyber Crimes of the MIA from the Republic of Moldova created an Informational System „The Child Protection”, which includes pictures and video recordings of child pornography, their metadata, information regarding identified persons, and other information that may help to identify the victims and their abusers, represented in these pictures or video recordings.

This Informational System operates based on „LACE” software, special designed server for law enforcement institutions, by „BlueBear” company from Canada.

At the same time, in order of establish the origin of sources of data within the informational store, Centre for combating cyber Crimes has developed a common order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Customs Service, General Prosecution „For approving the common Regulation regarding systematization and use of stored data in Informational System „The Child Protection”, which was signed on 20 September 2013 and registered with the number 280/160-O/62. This Regulation provides that subdivisions of the General Police Inspectorate and Border Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, subdivisions of the Customs Service and General Prosecution are obliged to send in the address of the Centre any pictures or video recordings, which contain child pornography, abuse or sexual exploitation of children, detected during the exercise of their job responsibilities, in order to verify if the victims or their abusers have already been identified, as well as include them in the Informational System „The Child Protection”.

Subsequently, in order to facilitate the work within Informational System, the officers of specialized subdivisions of the Centre for combating cyber Crimes developed Romanian version of the software, which represents the basis of this Informational System.

Within the Informational System are collected and analyzed pictures and video recordings and after identification of abused children or abusers, can be inserted information regarding the name, patronymic, gender, nationality, place of birth, date of birth, identity number.

In case of the detection of some data, as a result of analysis of the pictures and video recordings, which indicates the committing of crimes in other state, the officers of specialized subdivisions of the Centre for combating cyber Crimes can send materials to concerned state, based on international treaties or agreements, in order to take over the activity oriented toward identification of victims and their abusers.

At the same time, the officers of specialized subdivisions of the Centre for combating cyber Crimes can upload with the same purpose, concerned pictures and video recordings, in the international database in the field.

In order to systematise and analyse the data concerning the persons convicted for offenses stipulated by the Convention, Centre periodically interpellates the Informational Technology Services of MIA and Department of Penitentiary Institutions of the Ministry of Justice.

Additionally, we inform you that currently is planned the development of this Informational System in order to create the possibility to represent geographically the areas where the abusers live. This function will allow to realize the geographic profile of unidentified abusers in order to identify their location.