The Lanzarote Committee approach to automated detection of CSAM

Ensuring the best interest of the child in an holistic context

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Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

• Requires States to offer a holistic response to sexual violence against children, through the “4 Ps approach”: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Promotion of national and international cooperation.

• All 47 States of the Council of Europe and Tunisia.
Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

1. Monitoring the Convention implementation
   Currently focus is on child sexual abuse and exploitation facilitated by ICTs
   → in light of the spike in circulation of CSAM
   → including based on child self generated sexual material

2. Developing Parties’ capacities to ensure that children are protected against sexual abuse/exploitation at all times in all settings

• Lanzarote Comittee- Comitte of the Parties :
The Committee’s capacity building work on AD of CSAM

September 2020 the Commission of the European Union put forth a proposal for a Regulation on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by number-independent interpersonal communications service providers for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combatting child sexual abuse online:

(this has meanwhile become R 2021/1232)
We Protect Global Alliance, asked the Committee to take a stance on the debate triggered by the EU Com proposal.

- First exchange of views amongst parties;
- Second exchange of views with the private sector/civil society (hotlines etc);
- Request for an experts’ multidisciplinary report

- Sent to the EU Com as a first contribution in its preparation of a long term solution
Ensuring the best interest of children while respecting all relevant Human Rights

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In October 21 LC held a first exchange of views on the 9 recommendations of this report
Recommendation 9 of the CoE experts’ report

Public interested–based framework grounded on the Lanzarote Convention, enabling service providers to automatically detect, remove, report and transfer OCSEA, under data protection and privacy conditions and safeguards described in the report
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In a world in permanent evolution, in particular its technology, we need to have anchors:

Political will, Ethics, Accountability, Quality, Legitimacy, Security of data ...

What gaps have to still be fulfilled?

The LC will continue exploring the possible concrete follow-up to Recommendation 9 also in light of this Workshop’s suggestions.
Thank you!

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