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(a) General appreciation of the issues of information security

Given the pace of E-society development in the Republic of Armenia, information security-related issues are acquiring significant relevance, having a huge impact on all aspects of national security.

The trends in ICT domain pose qualitatively new threats and challenges requiring systematic coordination and new approaches to ensure the secure use of ICTs. Taking into account the use of “information warfare” techniques in different conflict environments, Armenia attaches vast importance to ensuring information security for the maintenance of international peace and security.

(b) Efforts taken at the national level to strengthen information security and promote international cooperation in this field


Pursuant to the relevant decisions of the Government,
- a special Internet hub is operated to ensure the protection of publicly accessible information of government bodies on the Internet as well as providing secure connection of their information systems to the Internet;
- minimum requirements for official Internet websites of government bodies have been approved;
- minimum requirements for procurement process of “Providing Internet Connection” service have been adopted.

Armenia has approved and applied a set of information security-related ISO standards. In October 2006, the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime as well as its additional protocol, concerning the criminalization of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems, were ratified by the National Assembly, and appropriate amendments into the national legislation followed.

Armenia actively engages in relevant discussions, programs trainings and cooperative initiatives carried out within the frameworks of the CIS, CSTO, EU and NATO. Particularly, in May and June 2016, the two-stage “Cyber-Antiterror” joint counter-terrorism exercise of CIS member states was held under the overall coordination of the CIS Antiterrorism Center bringing together experts, top rank officials from security agencies and special units of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan.
and Russia. The draft “Agreement on the Cooperation Among CSTO Member States in the Field of Ensuring Information Security” has been put forward for domestic interdepartmental approval earlier in 2017.

(c) The content of the concepts mentioned in paragraph 2

On July 25, 2009, “The Republic of Armenia Information Security Concept” was adopted upon a Presidential decree, which is still in force. The term ‘information security’ in the abovementioned Concept is defined as “the protection of national interests in information sphere, which is interlinked to the entirety of well-balanced interests of individuals, society and the state”.

Taking into account the rapid development of ICTs, an interagency working group has been established to draft the renewed “Concept on Ensuring Information Security and Information Policy in the Republic of Armenia” in late 2017.

(d) Possible measures that could be taken by the international community to strengthen information security at the global level

Armenia underlines the importance of enhanced and effective international cooperation on information security issues emphasizing the role of the ITU.