



ESET Slovakia welcomes the efforts of the Forum for the 21st century and its subsequent initiation of talks in the debate on the topic of Global Cyber security issues. We continually strive to deliver the most up-to-date solutions for the most recent challenges in the area of online attacks. We believe our expertise in the field of Cyber security for private users and corporate clients may well be transferred into the interest of the public. ESET's experts will dedicate their time to forming feasible solutions for discussed matters and will express their full support toward solving the challenges occurring in the global cyber arena. After a thorough analysis of the proposed draft, we have offered a number of solutions and suggestions for the issues discussed.

- 🇸🇰 ESET considers the proposal of the 21st century to create a legal foundation for internet usage and its legal regulation to be one of a rational measure. Every attempt to legally regulate the internet usage in the cyberspace shall be encouraged as this area has not yet been effectively implemented and covered in the international law sources. However, such a regulation should be a subject to wide public debate in the international measure and its creation shall be conducted not only on the inter-governmental level. It is of prime importance that the private sector in the field of internet security will be invited to participate in its creation as well.
- 🇸🇰 Some have proposed the possibility of military retaliation when a cybercrime targeting the national defense system occurs. However, ESET does not consider such a radical approach to be an appropriate one. These attacks tend to be often incredibly sophisticated, difficult to detect and most importantly, they may be fabricated to appear as product of a foreign party's aggression. Such a piece of international legislature might encourage certain regimes to hire top-skilled hackers to create a suspicious uncertainty and launch the uncontrolled aggression without the need of the real offender's military involvement.

ESET recommends that the international community focus more on prevention rather than on potential repression. The platform for international cooperation of national defense experts with its own budget shall be introduced where the exchange of information and innovation of methods for fighting the cybercrime would be possible. Moreover, the private sector which often possesses a great deal of innovation and expertise shall be involved, either as a part of their CSR activities (such as ESET) or in the form of subcontracting. A legal foundation of such a platform (or an organization for that matter) with its competencies and procedural order shall be further discussed by political elites. This would enable the effective notification and appropriate actions of parties involved whenever a real threat of cybercrime shall occur.

- 🇸🇰 ESET agrees that the suggested model of the cooperation between engaged parties in the means of exchange of valuable information on malevolent attacks, criminal or terrorist groups might help the global awareness of the parties involved. However, the simple model of the information exchange does not suffice.



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Cyber attacks are often carefully prepared, this kind of procedure is very time consuming and might last months, even years. While this lengthy and exhausting process is being executed, mistakes might easily be made which allow for the signals of such actions to be picked up by the state-of-the-art technology available to parties concerned. Therefore it is of a prime importance that a foundation of a centralized institution shall be laid out, in which the team of global security experts would persistently monitor possible threats and the evolution of such actions. It must be pointed out that prevention plays a key role when it comes to cyber attacks and only through preparation can we avoid the consequences of this destructive behavior.

Conclusion

ESET Slovakia supports the movement for a great deal of legal regulation when it comes to worldwide internet usage. However, concerning the legal consequences of internet crimes, it's not considerate or appropriate to involve the use of military power. ESET calls for a closer cooperation between parties concerned with an emphasis on persistent prevention rather than eventual repression.