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FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

"TONGA JOINS THE G7 24/7 CYBERCRIME NETWORK OF CONTACT POINTS"

13 AUGUST 2018

1 The Attorney General's Office wishes to announce that Tonga has joined the G7 24/7 Cybercrime Network of Contact Points as the 84th member, from 3 August 2018.

2 This 24/7 Network is a group of contact points from the 84 member countries who would operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to respond to urgent requests to preserve digital evidence that was needed by another member country in order to investigate crimes against computers or hand-held electronic devices, or crimes that used computers or electronic hand-held mobile devices.

3 The contact points for Tonga are located in the Attorney General's Office, after agreement with Tonga Police and the Ministry for Information and Communciations, due to the legal nature of the work involved.

4 The Attorney General's Office may now be able to contact, on behalf of law enforcement agencies in Tonga, the points of contact in the 24/7 Network to assist with criminal investigations here in Tonga involving computers or electronic hand-held mobile devices.

5 The contact points in the Network are required to be fluent in speaking and writing the English language, be on call for 24 hours of the day, 7 days of the week, and also be familiar with cybercrime and procedural powers provided under the law.

6 Any contact from Tonga to the G7 24/7 Network can only be made through the contact points registered through the Attorney General's Office.

7 Tonga's membership application was submitted to the Chairman of the G7 24/7 Network, which is currently held by the United States Department of Justice, during a regional workshop delivered by the 24/7 Network for Asian countries from 31 July to 3 August 2018 in Melaka, Malaysia. Participants from the Pacific were invited to the workshop from Tonga and Fiji.

8 Tonga and Fiji are currently the only members of the Network from the Pacific Region, but there is hope that more countries from the Pacific will join the Network in the near future.

9 In becoming a member of this 24/7 Network, Tonga now expands its international cooperation capacity in cybercrime, after acceding to the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) in May 2017, which also has a 24/7 network of points of contact under that Convention for its 59 current parties. Some of those 59 Convention parties are also members of the G7 24/7 Network.



Caption: Participants of the G7 24/7 Cyebrcrime Network of Contact Points Regional Workshop for Asia-Pacific, held in Melaka, Malaysia, 31 July to 3 August 2018.

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MEI HE 'OFISI 'O E 'ATENI SENIALE
"KAU 'A TONGA KI HE NETIUOKA 'O E NGAAHI FONUA G7 KI HE KAU 'OFISA FENGAUE'AKI 24/7 KI HE NGAAHI HIA FELAVE'I PEA MO E KOMIPIUTA
13 'AKOSI 2018

1 'Oku loto 'a e 'Ofisi 'o e 'Ateni Seniale ke fakaha kuo kau 'a Tonga ki he Netiuoka 24/7 'o e Ngaahi Fonua G7 ki he Kau 'Ofisa Fengaue'aki ki he Ngaahi Hia Felave'i pea mo e Komipiuta, pea ko e fonua memipa hono valu-ngofulu-ma-fa (84) 'a Tonga ke kau ki he Netiuoka 24/7 ko'eni, 'o kamata mei he 'aho 3 'Akosi 2018.

2 Ko e Netiuoka 24/7 ko 'eni 'oku kau ki ai 'a e kau 'ofisa ngaue mei he ngaahi fonua memipa 'e 84 kenau ngaue houa 'e 24 'i he 'aho, 'aho 'e 7 'i he uike, ke ngaue ki ha fiema'u fakavavevave ke tauhi mo fakatolonga ha ngaahi fakamatala 'ilekutolonika 'e fiema'u mei ha fonua memipa kehe, ke tokoni ki ha'anau fakatotolo'i ha hia felave'i pea mo e komipiuta pe me'a ngaue 'ilekutolonika to'oto'o pe ngaue'aki ha komipiuta me'a ngaue 'ilekutolonika to'oto'o.

3 Ko e kau 'ofisa fengaue'aki mei Tonga ni 'oku nau 'i he 'Ofisi 'o e 'Ateni Seniale, hili 'a e felotoi pea mo e Kau Polisi Tonga mo e Potungaue ki he Ngaahi Fakamatala mo e Fetu'utaki, koe'uhi ko e natula faka-lao 'a e ngaue ni.

4 'E malava 'i he taimi ni ki he 'Ofisi 'o e 'Ateni Seniale ke ne fakahoko 'a e fetu'utaki, ma'ae kau ma'u mafai ki hono fakatotolo'i 'o e ngaahi hia 'i Tonga ni, ki he kau 'ofisa

fengaue’aki ‘i he Netiuoka 24/7 ke nau tokoni mai ki ha fakatotolo’i ‘o ha hia ‘i Tonga ni ‘oku felave’i pe na’e ngaue’aki ha komipiuta pe ko ha me’a ngaue faka-‘ilekutulonika to’oto’o.

5 Ko e kau ‘ofisa fengaue’aki ki he Netiuoka 24/7 ‘oku fiema’u ke nau lava’i lelei ‘a e fetu’utaki ‘i he lea mo e tohi faka-Pilitania, pea ke nau faingamalie ‘i he houa ‘e 24 ‘i he ‘aho, ‘aho ‘e 7 ‘i he uike, pea ke nau maheni mo taukei ‘i he ngaahi hia felave’i pea mo e komipiuta pea mo e ngaahi mafai faka-ngaue ‘oku fakangofua ‘e he lao.

6 Ko ha fetu’utaki mei Tonga ni ki he Netiuoka 24/7 ‘o e Ngaahi Fonua G7 ‘oku malava pe kapau ‘e fakafou ‘i he kau ‘ofisa fengaue’aki kuo ‘osi lesisita ‘i he ‘Ofisi ‘o e ‘Ateni Seniale.

7 Na’e fakahu atu ‘a e tohi kole memipa ‘a Tonga ki he Sea ‘o e Netiuoka 24/7 ‘o e Ngaahi Fonua G7, ‘a ia ‘oku lolotonga ma’u ia ‘e he Potungaue Lao ‘o ‘Amelika (US Department of Justice), lolotonga ‘a e ako faka-feitu’u na’e fakahoko ‘e he Netiuoka 24/7 ma’ae ngaahi fonua ‘o ‘Esia. Na’e fakaafe’i ki he ako ni ‘a e kau fakafofonga mei he Pasifiki mei Tonga pea mo Fisi.

8 Ko Tonga pe mo Fisi ko e ongo memipa ‘i he Netiuoka 24/7 ni mei he Pasifiki, ka ‘oku ‘i ai ‘a e faka’amu ‘e to e kau atu ‘a e ngaahi fonua kehe mei he Pasifiki ‘i he kaha’u vave mai.

9 ‘I he hoko ko’eni ‘a Tonga ko e memipa ‘o e Netiuoka 24/7 ni, ‘oku hanga ai ‘e Tonga ‘o to e fakalahi ‘a ‘ene malava ke kole tokoni ki tu’a-pule’anga pe fakahoko ha tali ki ha kole tokoni mei tu’apule’anga, hili ia ‘a e fakamo’oni ‘a Tonga ‘i Me 2017 ki he Konivesio ‘a e Kosilio ‘o ‘Iulope ki he Ngaahi Hia Felave’i pea mo e Komipiuta (Konivesio Putapesi), ‘a ia ‘oku ‘i ai ‘a e Netiuoka 24/7 tatau ki he ngaahi fonua ‘e 59 kuo nau fakamo’oni ‘i he Konivesio koia. ‘Oku to e memipa pe ‘a e ngaahi founa ‘e ni’ihi mei he ngaahi fonua ‘e 59 koia, ‘i he ngaahi fonua ‘e 84 ‘o e Netiuoka 24/7 ‘o e Ngaahi Fonua G7.



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