Cybercrime

Today, in the 21st century, society is facing several new challenges that were not applicable in the past. One of these modern day challenges is cybercrime. Cybercrime is criminal activity that involves the Internet or some type of computer technology. Greece feels strongly that cybercrimes are just as illegal as any other crimes; and we are planning several different methods to limit and eventually solve this issue in our country. Many people who commit cybercrimes do not feel threatened or need to take responsibility for their actions, because they feel that if they did not physically “steal” something, their actions will slide under the radar. Greece is working on putting a stop to this mentality and is not going to stand around while we are victims of this unlawful activity. We are taking action to prevent cybercrimes from occurring in the first place and to make sure to punish those who commit such crimes. We are ready to invest in new security programs and systems in order to protect our citizens from this abomination.

One way Greece is addressing this problem is through a program called Cybex. Cybex is affiliated with UNICIR (United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute) which provides an education curriculum for members of each country dealing with this issue and those countries’ representatives will then train their country on how to protect themselves from being victims of cybercrime.
Cybex is a three-year program divided into two phases. The first phase will consist of the country selecting the appropriate representatives because those representatives will eventually have to return and teach the rest of the country how to apply the knowledge. The second phase is the actual seminars and courses. As of 2008, we have been enrolled in this program along with ten other European countries. ("European Certificate on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence"). Our educated delegates will return with European Certificates that prove their extensive knowledge on electronic evidence and cybercrime. Greece is using Cybex as a preventive measure against cybercrimes to show the people of Greece how to avoid being a target of cybercrimes. For example, when our delegates return, they will go into the local schools and educate the students about Internet security in general. By so doing, not only will Greece try to find the criminals perpetrating these illegal transactions, but will also be making it harder for them to victimize our residents by making our populace self-sufficient in protecting themselves. Also, teaching children about Internet safety, in general, is very beneficial. We will make sure to emphasize how people should not post personal information over the web via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, so that cybercriminals cannot use that information to steal from them.

In addition to being proactive, Greece is going to make sure to punish and prosecute those committing this crime. The reason why this is an increasingly growing scandal is because several people who commit cybercrimes are successful, encouraging them to continue their illegal behavior. According to Greek law, if one commits a cybercrime, he will receive a three-month imprisonment or a monetary
penalty of at least 10,000 drachmas, a monetary unit of Greece. ("Penal Code Article "). If the criminal’s cybercrime is more than just a petty crime and involves the security of Greece or international relations, he will be more harshly persecuted.

In conclusion, Greece is facing the modern-day epidemic of cybercrimes just like several other countries around the world, but we are not simply letting these crimes control us. Greece is taking action against those who feel that they can take advantage of our technological systems and we are ready to be proactive, educate, and prosecute those who do not respect our laws. With our approach, we are hoping to eliminate this security risk and continue to protect our people without the need for them to worry every time they approach a computer.
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