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| INITIATIVES AND GOOD PRACTICES OF THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION | |
| **Purpose**  The objective of this document is to share the initiatives and best practices of the Chadian State in terms of child online protection with Member States and members of the sector, in accordance with Resolution 179 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022).  **Action required**  This document is transmitted to the Council Working Group on child online protection **for information**.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*Resolution 179*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-179-E.pdf) *(Rev. Bucharest, 2022) - ITU's role in child online protection* | |

Background general

Protecting children online is a major challenge in today’s digital age. Young people are increasingly exposed to risks such as harmful content, cyberbullying and online exploitation. In Chad, this issue is recognized as a national priority, with dedicated entities actively committed to ensuring the safety of children in the digital domain.

The National Agency for Computer Security and Electronic Certification (ANSICE) and the Electronic and Postal Communication and Regulatory Authority (ARCEP) play a central role in this fight. The Ministry of Telecommunications and Digital Economy, in collaboration with ARCEP and Internet Service Providers (ISPs), implements content filtering measures and conducts awareness campaigns. In addition, the Direction for the Control of Personal Data Protection is an integral part of data regulation, as well as the National Coordination in charge of cyber-crime investigation, which focuses on the prevention and investigation of online crimes targeting children, relying on educational programs and surveillance actions.

In addition to these authorities, Chad has implemented other initiatives and good practices, including online safety education, national awareness campaigns, and partnerships with the technology sector, thus promoting a multi-level approach to protecting children online.

Actions and good practices of the Chadian Government in the field of online child protection

To address the challenges of the digital age, Chad has taken steps to frame and institutionalize good practices in child online protection. This is reflected in the adoption of several legal texts and initiatives aimed at ensuring the safety and rights of children in the digital space.

The legal framework for the protection of children online in Chad

Chad has incorporated specific measures into its legislation to protect children on the Internet, in particular through several texts which are listed below :

– The Chadian Constitution guarantees the fundamental rights of children, including the right to protection against all forms of exploitation and violence, also applicable in the digital context.

– Law 006/PR/2015 and its amending texts, creating ANSICE, lays the first cornerstone for the protection of personal data in Chad.

– Law 009/PR/2015 on cybersecurity and the fight against cybercrime provides specific measures to protect children against online abuse.

– Law 007/PR/2015 on the protection of personal data stipulates that the processing of minors' data is subject to the consent of the legal guardian, thus guaranteeing the protection of children's privacy.

– The 2017 Chadian Penal Code, in relation to the fight against cybercrime, criminalizes acts of violence, exploitation and sexual abuse against children, including those committed online.

Beyond this legal arsenal, Chad has implemented several initiatives to ensure the safety of children online, including the creation of ANSICE, which is at the forefront of child protection efforts. Its mission includes regulating telecommunications services and the distribution of digital content in order to protect children from harmful content and ensure the protection of data, including that of children.

Recommendations of the National Cybersecurity Strategy of Chad *(currently being validated)*

The report of the National Cybersecurity Strategy of Chad proposes several key recommendations:

– Establish minimum filtering standards for parental control tools.

– Review legal definitions of “harmful content”.

– Create a dedicated government website to facilitate access to information on content filtering tools.

– Launch a national awareness campaign.

– Further involve the education system in teaching digital literacy and online safety.

– Expand online safety education into informal educational settings.

– Integrate online safety awareness into healthcare settings.

– Strengthen the national authority for the protection of children online.

**Other roles and key activities of the Chadian Government related to child online protection**

Chad is implementing various actions:

– Using internet service provider (ISP) for Regulation purposes in order to ensure that ISPs offer parental control and content filtering tools by default, protecting children from harmful content such as pornography, violence, and extremism.

– Content monitoring by collaborating with telecommunications companies to quickly remove or restrict harmful content on platforms used by minors.

– Awareness campaigns by organizing national Campaigns to educate parents, educators, and children about online risks, such as cyberbullying and online predators.

– Telecommunications Collaboration: Works with ISPs to develop AI-based solutions to more effectively detect and remove harmful content.

**Key activities and mechanisms for protecting children online**

– Using sophisticated tools to monitor websites, social media, and online forums to detect harmful activities that target children, such as grooming and cyberbullying.

– Cybercrime investigations in order to conduct in-depth investigations into online crimes involving children, including the distribution of illegal content and sexual exploitation. They work closely with global law enforcement agencies like INTERPOL and Europol to combat international crimes against children.

– Public reporting platforms and an online reporting system allow the public to report suspicious or harmful online activity.

– Educational initiatives that help work with schools and communities to educate children and parents about the dangers of the Internet, providing resources on computer hygiene, the dangers of interacting with strangers online, and recognizing predatory behavior.

National initiatives and programs

In addition to the efforts of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Digital Economy and ANSICE, Chad has implemented various initiatives:

– **Online Safety Education Program:** Educational programs cover topics such as cyberbullying and harmful content.

– **Safe Internet Day:** Participation in the global initiative to raise awareness about online safety.

– **National Helpline:** Offers resources and advice to parents and educators to deal with online threats.

– **Celebration of Personal Data Protection Day:** Chad participates in the global initiative celebrating Personal Data Protection Day focused on the theme: Cyberbullying and Privacy: How to Protect Your Privacy Online in order to raise awareness about online safety and responsible Internet use.

Conclusion

Chad’s approach to protecting children online, orchestrated by ANSICE, is notable for its proactivity and reach. Through ISP regulation, educational initiatives, international cooperation, and advanced monitoring tools, Chad is working to create a safer digital environment for children, demonstrating its commitment to their protection and well-being in an increasingly connected world.

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