

The Department of Homeland Security of the United States of America and the Ministry of Security and Justice of the Netherlands,

RECOGNIZING that the United States (U.S) Department of Homeland Security and the Netherlands Ministry of Security and Justice identify cybersecurity as an issue of mutual concern to both our nations and to our respective Departments, and noting U.S. and Dutch bilateral engagement and participation in the International Watch and Warning Network (IWWN), the US-European Union (EU) Working Group on Cybersecurity and Cybercrime, and other initiatives, we acknowledge our mutual interest to build on our existing bilateral cooperation in the area of cybersecurity. We seek to enhance this collaboration in an effort to promote a safe, secure, and resilient cyber environment.

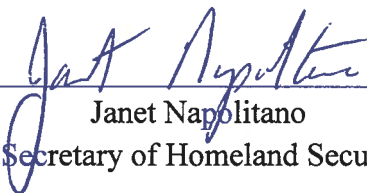
By way of this joint Letter of Intent (LOI), the Department of Homeland Security and the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice intend to undertake work on cybersecurity areas of mutual concern, including activities identified below:

- Collaborate and exchange best practices on information technology and industrial control systems. Enhance incident management and response activities between national Computer Emergency Response Teams;
- Enhance crisis coordination and related escalation processes for cyber events;
- Share control systems security training and education opportunities;
- Advance the efforts of and continue collaboration within the IWWN;
- Collaborate and share information on cyber exercises, to include participation in the Cyber Storm series through the IWWN;
- Cooperate with and support the advancement of the US-EU Working Group on Cybersecurity and Cybercrime and the Meridian Process;
- Collaborate on advancement of cybersecurity norms, to include reinforcing mutually accepted norms of responsible behavior within multilateral forums;
- Collaborate on cybersecurity research and development activities; and
- Cooperate to promote an open internet.

By acknowledging our intent to advance the U.S.-Netherlands bilateral engagement, we seek to ensure lasting collaboration and cooperation in the area of cybersecurity between the Department of Homeland Security and the Ministry of Security and Justice.

Neither the Department of Homeland Security nor the Ministry of Security and Justice intends to disseminate information it receives under this LOI to any third country, international organization, or private entity without the express permission of the originator.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on the 22nd day of February 2012.



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