

The establishment of the Lebanese Cyberspace Association

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The Lebanese Cyberspace Association which was first registered in the year 2014 and then called upon again in 2018, is an association established for the purpose of protecting cyberspace, while committing to the internet in a World Wide Web universe.

Laws and Regulations

Conferring to Decree law 4340 dated 31/1/2019 and upon the media request submitted by founders of the Lebanese cyberspace association, as well as suggestions from the general director of political affairs and refugees, Minister of Interior and Ministries has called upon the formation of new laws and regulations concerning the matter.

The establishment of the new principles regarding cyber-security emerge a set of new obligations that shall be enforced according to the required legal procedures and upon the approval of the competent authority in order to put into effect the required and necessary means to encourage and stipulate cyber space.

Objectives

According to the Minister, the strategy to commit to the issue starts by promoting the concept of cyber space and that is to begin by making all information transparent and visible on the internet. This would encourage the possibility of exchange of information between the public and the collective community which would be for the benefit of all. This can be done by the cooperation of different organizations as well as local and internal institutions to achieve a societal goal, which is to encourage the philosophy of the internet.

Furthermore, the development of the new regulations also encourages municipalities, private and public institutions to enhance their online network. For example, develop the use of their services on the internet as a form of communication between one another-request services, provide quick help, answer necessary questions etc.. which would not only initiate a well-

rounded relationship with the people but also generate efficiency in terms of decreasing redundant bureaucracy.

What should be done?

Adapting to the integration of the internet in the society in addition to the workforce is not going to happen overnight. For that reason, procedures that would encourage the spirit of initiative, innovation and development of the electronic environment should take place. This could include conducting workshops and training programs for instance by the association, or cooperating with the media authorities and publishers to portray the issue and its benefit. The association also aims at resolving any disputes arising between parties due to the use of the internet as a tactic to eliminate fear of the web. In addition, spread the word about the principle of intellectual property right in order to make everyone aware of their protected rights and privileges. After all, the ability to communicate with one another along with transparency is the core value for enhancing effectiveness in any private or public organization.ⁱ

ⁱ Lebanese official Gazette, Announcement 1788. Issue 26; year 159. Thursday May 16, 2019.