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Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador

I wish to express my deep gratitude for all the help and support that the citizens of the Republic of Moldova receive from the American people through various programs and projects.

In particular, I would like to thank you for providing equipment to enable STISC to protect the Moldovan government's critical infrastructure against cyber attacks. Unfortunately, these attacks are diversifying and becoming more aggressive, but the equipment provided gave us the technology necessary to fight some recent attacks.

Almost two years ago a war began at our border. It was also during this period that cyber warfare was initiated against our country. This is not a coincidence.

The STISC level of countering cyber attacks until that time was quite high, as there was no coordinated cyber attacks from nation states. This more recent trend to hacktivism completely changed the understanding of the necessary level of protection against such attacks.

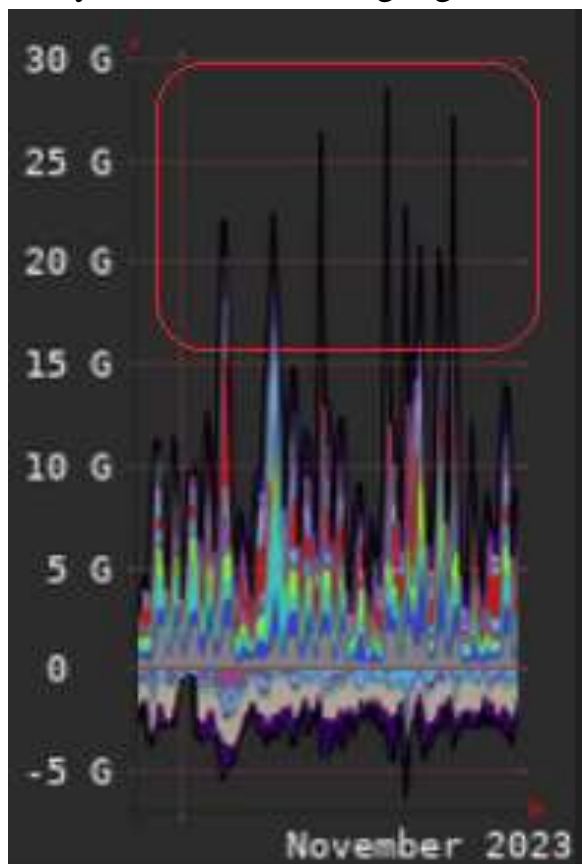
At this time we requested help, and the delivery of the required technology and solution was provided in record time from USAID.

Since taking over the administration of STISC, as Director in April 2023, we have made maximum effort to capitalize on the equipment generously provided by the United States. Thus, today, we can be proud and publicly declare that the level of protection against cyber attacks is mature enough to prevent attacks without the need to limit traffic from outside of the Republic of Moldova.

Militarily speaking, the technology that implements the offered solution now serves as the first wave of "anti-tank" protection. The filters set allow us to successfully remove

suspicious traffic that exceeds 15 Gbps, with durations of more than 6 hours continuously and volumes of more than 100 TB during a single attack.

The increased interest in making government services and national public interest resources unavailable, of course, was during the local elections held between November 5-19 this year, a fact that is highlighted in the graphic below.



I think you know from the press releases, and I assure you now, that no attempted cyber attack was successful. This is not an end point, but a step towards raising the level of maturity in tactics for defending the governmental digital space, and it will be expanded at the national level.

In conclusion, I want to share you the benefits we have obtained with the help of the American people – our society does not suffer from malicious actions in the cyber dimension, and we can plan critical processes in a controlled manner.

I am aware that the more we publish our successes, the more our enemies will strengthen and diversify the methods of attack with the intention to interfere and disrupt critical democratic processes such as the electoral process, to disrupt the delivery of essential services such as the supply of electricity, gas and water supply, with the intention of destabilizing the country and demoralizing and dividing our citizens. Until the assured integration into the European Union, we will continue to need the support and assistance of all partners and all those who wish the good of this country and its citizens to withstand the challenges and the increasing levels of threats.

On behalf of the employees of the Government sector, STISC colleagues and myself, and I think I can also express the opinion of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova, we thank you personally and please convey our thanks to the entire American people.

With deep respect,
Director

Alexandru Corețchi