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We, Abdullah II, Ibn Al-Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in accordance with Article (31) of the Constitution, and based on what the Senate and the House of Representatives decided, we endorse the following law and order its promulgation and addition to the laws of the State:

Cyber Security Law

Law No. (16) of 2019

Article 1

This law is called (Cyber Security Law of 2019) and it comes into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2

The following words and phrases, wherever mentioned in this law, shall have the meanings assigned to them below, unless the context indicates otherwise:

Cyberspace: An environment consisting of the interaction of people, data, information, information system and programs on information networks, communication systems and associated infrastructures.

Cyber Security: Measures taken to protect systems, information networks, and critical infrastructure from cyber security incidents and the ability to restore their work and continuity, whether access to them is unauthorized, misused, or as a result of failure to follow security measures, or exposure to deception that leads to that.

Permit: The permission granted by the person concerned to one or more persons or to the public to enter or use the information system or information network with the intention of viewing, canceling, deleting, adding, changing or republishing data, information, blocking access to it, stopping the operation of devices, changing a website, cancel it or modify its contents.

Council: The National Cyber Security Council.

Center: The National Cyber Security Center.

Data: Numbers, letters, symbols, shapes, sounds, images or graphics that have no significance in themselves.

Information: Data that has been processed and has become significant.

Information System: A set of programs and tools designed to create, send, receive, process, store, manage or display data or information electronically by electronic means.

Information Networks: A link between more than one information system to validate and obtain data and information.

Critical Infrastructure: A group of electronic systems and networks, tangible and intangible assets, or cyber assets and systems whose continuous operation is necessary to ensure the security of the state, its economy, and the safety of society.

Programs: A set of orders and technical instructions designed to accomplish an executable task using information systems.

Cybersecurity Incident: An act or attack that poses a threat to the data, information, information systems, information network or related infrastructure and requires a response to stop it or mitigate its consequences or effects.

Cybersecurity Operations: A set of procedures related to managing, monitoring, and detecting cybersecurity incidents and threats that occur within the cyberspace domain, as well as developing and implementing response plans.

Cybersecurity Services: Technical, administrative and advisory activities in the field of cybersecurity, including security assessment, monitoring, auditing and advisory services.

Article 3

- a. A council called (the National Council for Cybersecurity) shall be formed in the Kingdom, consisting of a president who is appointed by a royal decree and a number of members representing the following authorities.
 1. Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship.
 2. Central Bank of Jordan
 3. Jordanian Armed Forces, Arab Army.
 4. General Intelligence Department.
 5. Public Security Directorate.
 6. National Center for Security and Crisis Management.
 7. Three members nominated by the Council of Ministers based on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council for a period of two years, renewable for one time, provided that two of them have experience from the private sector.
- b. The council chooses from among its members, in its first meeting, a deputy to the council president who acts on his behalf in case of his absence.
- c. The council meets at the invitation of its chairman or vice-president four times a year or whenever the need arises, and its meeting is legal in the presence of not less than two-thirds of its members, and it takes its decisions by the majority of the votes of the attending members.
- d. The chairman of the council may invite any person to attend the meeting of the council to seek his opinion on matters presented to him without having the right to vote.
- e. The President of the center attends the meetings of the council without having the right to vote.
- f. The President of the center shall designate one of the center's employees as the secretary of the council who organizes its agenda, records the minutes of its sessions, keeps its entries and records, and follows up on the implementation of its decisions and any tasks assigned to him by the President of the council.



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- g. Despite what was stated in Paragraph (C) of this Article and in exceptional cases determined by the Chairman of the Council or his deputy in his absence, the meeting of the Council may be held in the presence of at least four of the members stipulated in Clauses (1) to (6) of Paragraph (A) From this article, the decision is legal and binding, provided that the rest of the council members are informed of it in the first following meeting, in which the quorum is reached.

Article 4

The Council shall assume the following tasks and powers:

- a. Approving strategies, policies and standards related to cybersecurity.
- b. Approving the plans and programs necessary for the center to carry out its tasks and duties, including international and regional cooperation programs.
- c. Approving the quarterly reports on the cyber security situation in the Kingdom and the annual report on the center's work.
- d. Forming coordination committees from the relevant stakeholders to enable the Center to achieve its objectives, provided that the decision to form them determines their tasks and duties, the manner of holding their meetings and making their decisions.
- e. Approving the annual budget of the center.

Article 5

- a. A center called (The National Cyber Security Center) shall be established in the Kingdom. It shall have a legal personality with financial and administrative independence. In this capacity, it shall own movable and immovable property and carry out all necessary legal actions to achieve its objectives, including the conclusion of contracts. It shall have the right to litigation and act. The center is represented by the deputy of the State Cases Department in judicial procedures.
- b. The center is linked to the Prime Minister.
- c. The headquarters of the center shall be in the city of Amman and it may open branches in the governorates of the Kingdom.



Article 6

- a. The Center aims to build an effective cybersecurity system at the national level, develop and organize it to protect the Kingdom from cyberspace threats and confront them efficiently and effectively in a manner that guarantees the sustainability of work and the preservation of national security and the safety of people, property and information.
- b. In order to achieve its objectives, the Center shall assume the following tasks and powers:
 1. Preparing cybersecurity strategies, policies and standards, monitoring their implementation, and setting plans and programs necessary for their implementation, and submitting them to the Council for approval.
 2. Developing and implementing cybersecurity operations, providing the necessary support and advice to build cybersecurity operations teams in the public and private sectors, coordinating response efforts and intervening when needed.
 3. Defining cybersecurity standards and controls and classifying cybersecurity incidents according to instructions issued for this purpose.
 4. Granting licenses to cybersecurity service providers in accordance with the requirements, conditions and fees specified by a regulation issued for this purpose.
 5. Exchanging information, activating cooperation and partnerships, and concluding agreements and memorandums of understanding with national, regional and international bodies related to cybersecurity.
 6. Developing the necessary programs to build national capacities and expertise in the field of cybersecurity and enhance awareness of it at the national level.
 7. Cooperating and coordinating with the relevant authorities to enhance cyberspace security.



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8. Preparing Legislative drafts related to cybersecurity in cooperation with the concerned authorities and submitting them to the Council.
9. Continuous evaluation of the cybersecurity situation in the Kingdom in cooperation with the concerned authorities in the public and private sectors.
10. Defining critical infrastructure networks and their sustainability requirements.
11. Establishing a database of cyber threats.
12. Evaluating the security aspects of e-government services.
13. Evaluating and developing computer emergency response team.
14. Preparing a policy that includes information security and protection standards.
15. Supporting scientific research in the fields of cybersecurity in cooperation with universities.
16. Conducting cybersecurity exercises and cyber drills.
17. Preparing the draft annual budget for the Centre, the annual report on its work and the final financial statements.
18. Preparing quarterly reports on the cybersecurity situation in the Kingdom and submitting them to the Council.
19. Any other tasks or powers stipulated in the regulations and instructions issued based on the provisions of this law.

Article 7

- a. An experienced president who is specialized in the field of cybersecurity shall be appointed for the center for a period of four years, renewable for one time, by a decision of the Prime Minister based on the recommendation of the President of the Council, provided that the appointment decision is accompanied by the royal will, and his salary and all his financial rights are determined in the decision of his appointment.
- b. The president of the center is the representative of the center to others.



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- c. The manner of managing the center and all other related affairs and the duties of its president shall be determined in accordance with a regulation issued for this purpose.

Article 8

- a. The center receives complaints and information related to cybersecurity and cybersecurity incidents and has the right to follow up on them and take the appropriate action to treat them and prevent their occurrence or continuation in accordance with the powers granted to it.
- b. Ministries, government departments, official, public, private and civil institutions are committed to the following:
 1. Adhering to the policies, standards and controls issued by the Center for each sector in accordance with the provisions of this law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto.
 2. Providing the center with the necessary information to enable it to carry out its work in a manner that does not contradict the laws in force.
 3. Informing the center of any incident that threatens cybersecurity or related to cyberspace security, and doing everything necessary to avoid it.
- c. The center works with the General Intelligence Department on preparing strategies and policies, building systems, and purchasing services necessary to perform its tasks.

Article 9

- a. A cybersecurity incident that poses a threat to the security and safety of the Kingdom shall be determined by a decision of the Council based on the recommendation of the president of the Center.
- b. The center shall be responsible for managing and directing the response to the cyber security incidents referred to in Paragraph (A) of this article, and all parties shall abide by the instructions and directives issued by the center.

Article 10

- a. It is prohibited for any person or entity to provide any cyber security services without obtaining the necessary license in accordance with the provisions of this law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant there to.
- b. The entities and persons that provide cyber security services in the Kingdom must correct their situation in accordance with the provisions of this law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto.

Article 11

- a. The Council of Ministers, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council, may delegate any oversight body, government department, or official or public institution with some of the Center's tasks and powers specified in accordance with the provisions of this law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto.
- b. The authorities referred to in Paragraph (A) of this Article shall submit periodic reports to the Center on the work entrusted to them and whenever the need arises. They shall also undertake to notify the Center immediately upon the occurrence or suspicion of a cybersecurity incident.

Article 12

The information, data, documents and their copies that come to the Center or are related to its work or are seen by its employees are protected documents to which the provisions of the Law for the Protection of State Secrets and Documents apply.

Article 13

- a. The president of the center and the delegated employees in writing for the purposes of carrying out their duties shall have the capacity of the judicial police, and they have the right to enter and search any place that evidence indicates that is carrying out any of the practices that constitute a threat or breach of cyber security. They also have the right to tuning devices, means, tools, programs, information systems and the network. Information



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technology that indicates that it was used to commit any of these practices and keep it, and they have to organize the arrest of violators.

- b. The employee who carried out the inspection or tuning in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (A) of this Article shall submit a report to the president of the center.

Article 14

The financial resources of the Center consist of the following: -

- a. What is allocated to it in the general budget.
- b. Aids, grants, donations, giveaways and any other resources accepted by the Council, provided that they are approved by the Council of Ministers if they are from a non-Jordanian source.
- c. Fees and service charges provided by the center.
- d. The fines imposed by the center.

Article 15

- a. The Centre's funds and rights with third parties are considered public funds to be collected in accordance with the provisions of the Public Funds Collection Law.
- b. The center enjoys the exemptions and facilities granted to the ministries and government departments.

Article 16

- a. The Center may take one or more of the following measures against anyone who violates the provisions of this law and the regulations, instructions and decisions issued pursuant thereto, in a manner commensurate with the nature of the violation and the party that committed it.
 1. A written warning to correct the violation within the period specified by it.
 2. Correcting the violation and returning to the violator the expenses incurred by the center as a result.
 3. Blocking, canceling, confiscating or disabling the communications network, information system, information network, communication



- devices and private electronic messages with the relevant authorities for anyone suspected of committing or participating in any act that constitutes a cyber security incident.
4. Obligating the violating party to take legal measures against those working for it who prove to have caused the violation.
 5. Cancelling or suspending the license of the licensee to provide any cyber security services for the period the center deems appropriate.
 6. Imposing a fine of not less than (500) dinars and not more than (100,000) dinars, and the fine shall be doubled in the event of repeated violation.
- b. For the purposes of implementing the provisions of Paragraph (A) of this Article, the Council shall issue instructions specifying the criteria and controls for violations and the procedures due thereon.

Article 17

- a. The center shall be subject to the Civil Service Bylaw, the financial system, the supplies system, the occupancy system, the transportation and travel system in force in ministries and government departments, and any systems that replace them. For this purpose, the president of the center exercises the powers of the minister, the competent minister, and the secretary-general, and the council exercises the powers of the cabinet stipulated in those systems.
- b. Taking into account the legislation in force, the president of the center may request the adhesion of any member of the Jordanian Armed Forces and security services to work in the center and with the approval of these authorities, and those who are employed in the center enjoy all the rights and privileges granted to them in their units.
- c. The center may grant bonuses or financial incentives to any of its employees or those attached to it in accordance with instructions issued by the council based on the recommendation of the president of the center.



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Article 18

The Council of Ministers shall issue the necessary regulations to implement the provisions of this law.

Article 19

The Prime Minister and the ministers are charged with implementing the provisions of this law.

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