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To: All SGS
All Department Heads

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Re: Limiting open internet access

Due to the recent attacks on our IT network over the past months, and after consultation with the Council of Ministers, in order to further reduce our vulnerabilities for harmful attacks on our IT network, the ICT department will be locking down open access to the internet, along with certain internet sites and internet services, via our network.

During the next few days the All SGs and Department heads will be requested to determine which users will require internet access which will be directly related to the job function. This must be communicated directly to Mr. Michael Dijkhoffz, Head of ICT Department. All Departments will have to provide a list of specific sites that the designated users would require to function. These sites will be evaluated whether or not they are considered dangerous based on the maliciousness reports and reputation of the websites.

Except for approved users, NO access will be granted to the open internet via the government network (wireless included.) Shortly ICT will consult with the SGs and Department Heads to plan the installation of standalone PCs throughout the different departments, which will be connected to the internet independently from our government network. Department Heads will determine access of users with acceptable periods.

The process to execute these required changes will take some time to complete. We are asking for everyone's understanding, patience and cooperation as we continue to improve our infrastructure and services in the best interest of the organization.

For further specific clarifications, please contact Michael Dijkhoffz of the ICT department.