



The Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) is an international alliance of 13 law enforcement agencies and 19 private sector partners working together to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse and other forms of transnational child sexual exploitation. The VGT seeks to build an effective, international alliance of law enforcement agencies, non-government organizations and industry to help protect children from the abovementioned crimes, from predators and from further victimization. Child sexual exploitation is a brutal crime and images of child sexual exploitation can proliferate on the Internet quickly and last forever. This can have lasting impacts and sometimes devastating psychological and physical effects. The global nature of these crimes means that no nation can effectively combat it alone. International engagement and cooperation with private industry and non-governmental organizations is vital.

MEMBER COUNTRIES/AGENCIES: Each of the VGT member agencies is responsible for the trans-border law enforcement aspects of its territory of the world, and is dedicated to the belief that all children deserve protection from the dangers posed by the Internet. There is a shared understanding among member countries that this protection is often only achieved by global, not merely national, methods. For more information on the VGT principles of governance and how to become a member, contact the VGT Secretariat: vgt@moi.gov.ae

- **VGT member countries/agencies include:** **Australia:** Australian Federal Police, **Canada:** Royal Canadian Mounted Police, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre, **Colombia:** National Police of Colombia, **EUROPOL, INTERPOL, Netherlands:** Dutch National Police, **New Zealand:** New Zealand Police, **Philippines:** Philippines National Police, **Republic of Korea:** Korean National Police, **Switzerland:** Cybercrime Coordination Unit of Switzerland, **United Arab Emirates:** Ministry of Interior for the United Arab Emirates, **United Kingdom:** National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command, and **United States of America:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations.

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS: VGT private sector partners have a proven track record of cooperation with, and a public commitment to, law enforcement; have a pro-active commitment to combating child abuse online and making the internet safer by design; actively support law enforcement on crime prevention and reduction strategies, including those developed by the VGT; show commitment to the development of effective educational programs that promote safety on the internet; and actively support and promote the work of the VGT.

- **VGT private sector partners include:** Blackberry, End Child Prostitution Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes Network, International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, International Association of Internet Hotlines, International Justice Mission, Kik, Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit, National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, NetClean, PayPal, Telstra, The Code, World Vision Australia, Ziuz, International Computer Driving License – Arabia (ICDL- Arabia), Web-IQ, Child Rescue Coalition (CRC), Magnet Forensics, National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC)

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