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Dear Ms. Kanter,

Re: Preparing for immediate removal of sensitive personal information

I address you as the CEO of Israel Internet Association ISOC-IL, Israel's leading NGO on internet policy (and the operator of the .IL ccTLD).

As reported in the media, the Black Shadow hacking team recently gained access to the servers of an Israeli internet company named Cyberserve. The company hosts and operates numerous Israeli online services, including Dan and Kavim Public Transportation companies, Holon Children's Museum, Pegasus Tours & Travel, Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation KAN's blog, and Atraf Dating website.

These sites store personal information of millions of Israelis. In the case of the dating website Atraf, there are particularly sensitive details, as it serves the LGBTQ+ community. The disclosure of Atraf's data may lead to actual life danger. As a platform serving the LGBTQ+ community, some of Atraf's users are young people who might be outed against their will, terrified that hackers will soon reveal their most intimate details online.

The hackers have threatened to release the information today, and time is of the essence. Therefore, I urgently request that TikTok take immediate action to promptly remove any offensive and personal content posted on your online platform. One cannot argue that this is a situation where a preparation and active action be taken. I assume that TikTok would not like to support this worst-case scenario when hackers threaten to expose such fragile personal details on countless Israelis.

The Israeli Internet community calls on TikTok to prepare its technical teams and devote every available resource to minimize the damage.

Best regards,


Yoram Hacohen

CEO

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CC: Mr. Asaf Sagi, CEO TikTok Israel
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