RESOURCES FOR MEMBER STATES

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in partnership with the Government of the United Kingdom, convened an expert group meeting in Vienna, June 26–27, 2023. Discussions focused on gaps and limitations with child sexual abuse (CSAM) removal and examining a global approach to preventing the reupload of known CSAM. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) participated in these discussions and, based on analytics from Project Arachnid, offered critical insights into addressing the removal of CSAM and supporting survivors.

Project Arachnid is a world leading platform targeting global CSAM detection and removal on the clear and dark web. It was deployed by C3P in 2017, and, to date, has issued approximately 31 million removal notices. In addition to being active in detection and removal, Project Arachnid is viewed as a source of unique data revealing the global failure to protect survivors/victims from the lasting trauma and personal safety risks associated with the online availability and re-uploading of CSAM, reinforcing the cost of global inaction.

This landing page was created for Member States to consolidate the C3P resources highlighted during the UNODC expert meeting and the corresponding presentation made to Member States on June 28, 2023.

RESEARCH

International Survivors’ Survey Results
To better understand the impacts of survivors having their child sexual abuse recorded and/or distributed online, C3P launched this important initiative.

How we are Failing Children: Changing the Paradigm
This framework not only outlines the problems with current responses to the removal of child sexual abuse images online but also proposes a set of principles for action that prioritizes the best interests and protection of children through clarified roles and a standardized global approach.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Unwanted Followers
This chilling video tells the real story of countless victims whose abusive imagery continues to exist online. They have had to live this traumatic reality for decades due to platforms and services on the internet that have been allowed to operate without oversight.

Unwanted Film Festival (UnwantedFilmFest.com)
85 million films. 195 countries. Playing online everywhere. Stand with survivors and demand tech companies stop the upload of known child sexual abuse material.

TECHNICAL EXPLAINERS

Detecting Child Sexual Abuse Online — a technical and historical primer
Dr. Hany Farid — co-creator of PhotoDNA — discusses his views on the proactive detection of CSAM, encryption, and the technology industry’s opportunity to prioritize platform-wide CSAM prevention.