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Subject: Companies using LinkedIn data from LinkedIn users for their own databases, which they make available to law enforcement agencies in The Netherlands for information gathering.

Dear Madame/Sir,

At the moment we are investigating several Dutch companies that are providing social media data to Dutch law enforcement agencies. In regard to this matter, including their use of LinkedIn data for these purposes, we have several questions for you.

1. Is LinkedIn aware of the fact that companies are downloading (crawling) LinkedIn data for their own purposes?
2. Does LinkedIn allow companies to collect data from Dutch citizens – and probably other nationalities – in order for the companies to store the data in their own databases? If so, under which regulations or laws are the agreements between LinkedIn and these companies made?
3. Is LinkedIn aware that these companies make these databases available to their customers, who pay for this access/data?
4. These companies also make their databases available to law enforcement agencies for social and online media monitoring/surveillance purposes. Is LinkedIn aware of that? What kind of agreements between LinkedIn and data collection companies regulate the companies' making that data available to law enforcement agencies?
5. Are users in the Netherlands – and other countries - informed by LinkedIn about the fact that their data might be collected by Dutch companies for other purposes than the initial intention of the LinkedIn users? How are privacy, copyright and general surveillance issues dealt with between LinkedIn and these companies concerning the data from LinkedIn users?
6. Do these companies that collect LinkedIn data have a contract with LinkedIn? At the moment we are investigating several companies among which Coosto/Wiseguys Internet, Buzzcapture and

Obi4wan/Sitedata. Are these companies known to LinkedIn? Does LinkedIn publish a full list of Dutch companies which have LinkedIn's permission to collect data from its users?

Yours sincerely

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