THE ETHICS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CYBER PEACE AND SECURITY (ECCC)

Version 1.0

Boston Global Forum (BGF) is developing an Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security (ECCC) that prescribes Internet behaviors.

A draft version of that code, ECCC Version 1.0, was developed by BGF's CEO Nguyen Anh Tuan in response to suggestions received from cyber security observers and experts.

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The ECCC Version 1.0, conceived by BGF's CEO Nguyen Anh Tuan, expressed ideas and viewpoints which are co-authored by:

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The ECCC Version 1.0 is now open for discussion and contribution by Members of Boston Global Forum's Young Leaders Network for Peace and Security. It also welcomes contribution of other individuals and groups to make a complete version of ECCC for a more safer and healthy cyber world.

Members of Young Leaders Network for Peace and Security (YLNP), and Michael Dukakis Leadership Fellows will contribute to develop next versions of ECCC.

BGF invites suggestions for amending and strengthening ECCC Version 1.0 for the purpose of preparing a new version, ECCC Version 2.0, by December 2015

The Boston Global Forum's Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security (ECCC) encompasses the following behaviors in all Internet communication, relationships and transactions.

Net Citizens: Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security

Behavior toward others:

- Be honest
- Show respect
- Avoid disreputable acts, and denounce those of others
- Do not think or act involve with cyber terrorism.

Behavior towards information:

- Assess its reliability before accepting it
- Do not distribute unreliable or erroneous information

Behavior in discussions:

- Do not endorse other's comments when information has not been verified
- Do not post negative comments on people's private lives
- Do not share or comment on unverified or unreliable defamatory claims about brands, organizations, or public figures
- Be constructive, respective, and encouraging in comments

Policy Makers: Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security

- Do not establish, support, or endorse policies harmful to the Cyberspace environment
- Do not unfairly criticize institutions, organizations, and brands
- Do not unfairly criticize political opponents or other countries as using unverified, unreliable information etc.

- Do not engage at any level in cyber spying, whether the target is an individual, firm, institution, or country
- Do not engage in taking or disseminating private personal information
- Do not engage or support in any form of cyber wars.

IT Engineers: Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security

- Develop products to enhance cybersecurity
- Do not create or distribute Internet viruses
- Do not launch denial-of-service (DoS) attacks
- Do not attack, disable, or steal information resources
- Do not blackmail or otherwise threaten any person or organization
- Do not deliberately create gaps in Internet security, and report any that are discovered
- Do not use and distribute private information about individuals or organizations
- Do not engage or assist in any form of cyberterrorism

Business Firms and Business Leaders: Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security

- Take steps to secure company information
- Do not unfairly attack other companies
- Do not attack other governments
- Do not use products or systems that operate counter to a free and open Internet
- Do not invest in products or systems that go against the humane values of a free and open Internet.

Educators, Influencers/Institutions: Ethics Code of Conduct for Cyber Peace and Security

- Do not disseminate or support negative opinions, doctrines that discourage the implementation of Cyber security measures

- Educate and lead global citizens to support and execute ECCC

- Propose solutions to build awareness of the value of ECCC and encourage its implementation

- Foster public opinions that against bad behaviors such as theft of private data and information for distribution on the Internet.

- Encourage those who use the Internet for purposes that contribute to a better life for all of mankind.

- Create honors and awards to recognize outstanding individuals who contribute greatly for a secure and safe Cyberspace environment.

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