**Who is the problem owner of the security issue as measured in your first assignment?**

The security issue chosen in our first assignment is phishing. Phishing is a kind of internet fraud where criminals attempt to obtain sensitive information like usernames, passwords or credit cards details (Alert Online, 2016). Phishing attacks tend to use spamming services, like spamming botnets, a lot. A fake bank website is made and a botnet is rented to send a spam message to vulnerable people. Even tough spamming is mostly an end-user problem, the problem owner chosen for this assignment is the Government of the attacked country. To reduce that scope even more, we will mainly focus on the Department of Economic Affairs. So in the Netherlands, this will be the “Ministerie van Economische Zaken”. But since the Netherlands isn’t massively attacked by phishing/spamming attacks in comparison to the United-States, the focus will be on the Department of Economic Affairs of the United States of America (Kaspersky, 2016).

The goal of the Department of Economic Affairs is to support and improve economic activity as much as possible. This organization works to create jobs and expand economic opportunities everywhere they can (State.gov, 2016). It does so by negotiating with various parties all over the world to ensure the economic growth of the United States remains high. Everything that can threaten this position is threatening the goal of the Department of Economic Affairs, so this actor will do whatever it’s able to do to prevent that.

Since our security issue is phishing, the main risk for the Department of Economic Affairs is to lose economic momentum, productivity of even real money due to phishing. Economic damage can be caused by simply the time spilled by employees on deleting or answering phishing mails, malware infections after a phishing attack or money stolen by fake bank website. So the Department of Economic Affairs has serious incentives to stop phishing from happening. The strategies it has to accomplish that are discussed in the next sections of this report.

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