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-Welcome to Lorez Legal's Newsletter, where we blend legal expertise with a passion for the digital frontier. In each edition, we aim to keep you well-informed about the latest developments in regulation, digital art, digital fashion, and crypto assets, along with updates about our firm and the individuals behind it. As we dive into the realms of Web3 technologies, we are committed to sharing our enthusiasm and dedication while fostering collaborations with like-minded entrepreneurs and companies who share our vision for the future.

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Metacrime Unveiled:

In the ever-evolving Metaverse, Metacrime encompasses a spectrum of offenses, ranging inter alia from NFT frauds to cyber-physical attacks and the theft of virtual assets.

Notably, the recent published "Metaverse: A Law Enforcement Perspective" Whitepaper, in January 2024 by Interpol sheds light on the intersection of virtual and real-world crimes, emphasizing the urgency and challenges for comprehensive regulation for crimes in the Metaverse.



GLOBAL EFFORT & LEGAL FRONTIERS

As the Metaverse largely operates within self-regulated platforms, global efforts are underway to establish the first legal frameworks for Metacrimes.

Many states are pushing for legal investigations, with expert agencies potentially delving into platform data. The World Economic Forum emphasizes the need for interoperability, recognizing cultural differences in addressing these virtual challenges. Balancing self-regulation and legal enforcement is deemed crucial for fostering a secure and equitable Metaverse.

GOVERNANCE CHALLENGERS: SOME EXAMPLES

Personhood: The undefined nature of AI-based avatars poses governance challenges, with diverse perspectives on whether they are an extension of humans, property, or autonomous legal personas.

Ongoing discussions among stakeholders aim to establish clear definitions, vital for minimizing legal gaps and ensuring effective law enforcement in the Metaverse.

Landscape: Challenges in data management, particularly regarding the responsibility and protection of biometric data, add another layer of complexity. Navigating the regulatory landscape involves assessing jurisdiction across contractual, property, criminal, and tax law. Careful consideration is required to adapt existing frameworks to the unique aspects of the Metaverse.

TOWARDS A ROBUST REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



Towards a Robust Regulatory Framework

In summary, the criminalization of illicit activities in the Metaverse necessitates the establishment of international legal policies with clear definitions of existing and future crimes in the digital world. Ongoing discussions between stakeholders and regulators, coupled with regular evaluations of criminal trends in the Metaverse, are pivotal for creating a robust regulatory framework in this evolving space.

Stay tuned for more updates on the evolving Metaverse!



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