Statement by South Africa at the Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 Informal Session held in March/April 2022 on Confidence-building measures

- South Africa supports the establishment of national points of contact as a confidence-building measure between States. This would enhance States’ abilities to have regular exchanges of information on risks and emerging risks to the security of ICT infrastructure. This could be complementary to the work of this OEWG.

- South Africa believes that this measure could be implemented, without competition with the OEWG.

- We also note the proposal for a table-top exercise to test the effectiveness of the points of contact. We believe that such an exercise should aim at identifying any gaps and challenges with the view to addressing them through necessary capacity building and support for Member States without discrimination.

- South Africa fully supports a coordinated approach to the development and implementation of confidence-building measures by Member States in the context of the Open-Ended Working Group.