Side Event “Cyber CBMs – case by case”
Event hosted by the open, informal, cross-regional working group to advance CBMs within the OEWG
Tuesday, 26 July, 1.15 pm
German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, 10017 New York

Cyber Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) can play a key role for security and stability in cyberspace by fostering trust and cooperation in international relations. CBMs such as transparency and information sharing, Points of Contact, trainings and other measures represent essential tools for reducing the risk of miscalculation, escalation and conflict.

Building on the existing international acquis of responsible state behavior in cyberspace developed in the framework of six Groups of Governmental Experts (GGE) and the Open-Ended Working Group 2019-2021, current discussions within the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG) have put a strong, action-oriented focus on CBMs.

In order to advance the international conversation about the value of CBMs towards concrete ways of implementation, the informal, open, cross-regional working group to advance CBMs within the OEWG (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea and Singapore) has published two working papers in May and July 2022. While the first working paper proposes to learn from the vast experience of regional and sub-regional organizations to establish a strong CBM framework at UN-level, the second paper elaborates on the idea of a UN Cyber Points of Contact Network as one concrete example of a CBM (see attached).

As cyber CBMs have been adopted in many regions worldwide, the informal, open, cross-regional working group invites all UN member states and interested parties to join the discussion on operationalization of CBMs and to explore how some of these CBMs could work in practice at the UN level.

You are therefore kindly invited to participate at this side-event on 26 July 2022, hosted jointly by Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea and Singapore, where we will present a set of practical cases to illustrate that CBMs can make a decisive difference in
• ensuring that effective channels of communication are available to all UN member states in the event of cyber incidents,
• strengthening the resilience of critical infrastructure,
• sharing best-practices in IT security among states and with other interested stakeholders.

Contributions from our panelists will seek to answer many of the practical questions associated with cyber CBMs, such as their relevance for national and regional IT security, as well as how Points of Contact Networks can work in practice.

**Agenda**

**Panel Discussion: Perspectives from**

- Ms. Michelle Markoff, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Cyberspace and Digital Policy Bureau/International Cyberspace Security, US Department of State
- Mr. Isaac Gerardo Morales Tenorio, Chair of the Working Group on CBMs in the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Ms. Szilvia Toth, Cyber Security Officer, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Mr. Gaurav Keerthi, Deputy Chief Executive of the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore
- Ms. Tupou’tuah Latianatoba Baravilala, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications of the Republic of Fiji

**Interventions** by UNODA (Ms. Katherine Prizeman), Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (Karsten Geier & Adam Cooper), Microsoft (Mr. Pavel Mraz), ICT4Peace (Ms. Anne-Marie Buzatu), and others stakeholders.

**Open Discussion**

**Moderation:** John Reyels, Head of Cyberstaff, German Federal Foreign Office

Participants are kindly invited for a light lunch during the side event.

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