

## Statement on behalf of Confidence Builders Group, 28 July 2022

Honorable Chair,

Germany acknowledges the immense balancing work that has gone into producing the second draft in front of us and wishes to thank you and your team for the great efforts in taking us to a document that can find consensus. At this point I would like to limit my remarks to the CBM section and building on the comments just made by Canada.

The open informal cross-regional group led by *Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands and Singapore* has submitted proposals to build a strong CBM section for this report.

On behalf of the group let me say that we are prepared to support the text in the CBM section as it stands. Our proposals were more far reaching and detailed than those reflected in the second draft. However we are ready to support the current language as a minimal solution and in a spirit of compromise.

The draft retains the important decision to establish a global directory of points of contact. We see this as central as it would establish a first basis for communication and information exchange between UN member states from all world regions.

The report acknowledges the existence of regional PoC networks and underlines that the UN directory would take into account lessons learned in establishing and using these regional PoC networks, given the complementarity between global and regional efforts on CBMs.

Looking forward it will be important to keep the momentum for building CBMs at the UN level. We are therefore encouraged to see the request for a dedicated inter-sessional meeting focusing on CBMs retained in the report.

In closing let me reiterate that our group believes that the current draft report does not do full justice to the CBM discussion in the OEWG which we see at a more advanced stage. However we also fully recognize the progress achieved by the suggested decision to establish the global directory of PoCs and hence give our support to this section.