REFERENCE: ODA/2022-00047/ICT-PoC report

SUBJECT: Submission of views from States on global points of contact directory pursuant to A/77/275 “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security” containing the progress report on the discussions of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025

Input requested: Deadline: 25 November 2022

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the document A/77/275 entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security” containing an annexed progress report on the discussions of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG).

By paragraph 3 of “Recommended next steps” under Section E “Confidence-Building Measures” of the Annex contained in A/77/275:

“The UN Secretariat is requested to seek views from States on the global points of contact directory, which could include views on experiences at the regional and subregional levels, and produce a background information paper on these views by the end of January 2023 for consideration at the fourth session of the OEWG”.

Pursuant to this request by the OEWG, the Office for Disarmament Affairs invites the submissions of views of States on the global points of contact directory with a view to preparation of the requested background information paper in advance of the fourth substantive session of the OEWG.

In order to facilitate the preparation of the background information paper in accordance with the timeframe referenced above, the deadline for submission of States’ views is 25 November 2022.
States are invited to cooperate to enable the Secretariat to ensure the timely issuance of the background information paper. All submissions should be sent **electronically, in Microsoft Word format**, to Ms. Katherine Prizeman (prizeman@un.org) of the Office for Disarmament Affairs.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

30 August 2022