# Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

**Statement by OSCE Secretariat at the 6th Substantive session of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025**

*On the topic of Confidence-building Measures:*

The OSCE Secretariat organized the Annual meeting for cyber/ICT security Points of Contacts on 15 June 2023 in Vienna Austria. The meeting was held back-to-back with the meeting of Informal Working Group on cyber and UNODA's regional consultation on the Program of Action. Taking advantage of the fact that Katherine Prizeman of UNODA was in Vienna we have asked Ms. Prizeman to deliver a briefing on the status of negotiations related to the Global Point of Contact Directory. We would like to thank Ms. Prizeman for her availability and readiness to contribute to the Annual meeting of OSCE PoCs.

After the briefing the OSCE Secretariat conducted an anonymous survey among the Points of Contact related to the Global PoC Directory. Some of the questions we have asked of our PoCs were the following:
-    Which types of PoCs states would like to see in the Global PoC Directory
-    Would OSCE PoCs agree to the automatic transmission of contact data to the Global PoC Directory?
-    Would the OSCE participating state name the same PoC for the Global PoC Directory?
-    Questions related to the Communication Checks?
-    Which capacity-building activities OSCE PoCs would recommend for the Global PoC Directory?

We have shared the presentation containing the responses with the Secretariat with the request that it be uploaded to the OEWG website. I hope you will find this useful while operationalizing the Global PoC Directory. The OSCE Secretariat continues standing ready to support your efforts and share our experiences.