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The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the “Report of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communication technologies 2021-2025” as contained in document [A/78/265](#) dated 1 August 2023.

By paragraph 13 (b) of the Annex contained in A/78/265 entitled “Progress report on the discussions of the working group on agenda item 5”:

“The United Nations Secretariat is requested to seek views from States on the capacities required to participate in the POC [Points of Contact] directory which could include views on capacity-building experiences drawn from participating in other POC directories. On this basis, the United Nations Secretariat is requested to prepare an initial background paper no later than June 2024: (i) reflecting views submitted by States; (ii) identifying capacities required for the effective participation of POCs in the POC directory; and (iii) proposing suitable actions for building such capacities, including, inter alia, tailored programs for identified POCs”.

Pursuant to this request and in support of the preparation of the above-requested report, the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs invites the views of Member States on the capacities required to participate in the Points of Contact directory, including views on capacity-building experiences drawn from participating in other directories.

In order to facilitate the submission of the views on the issues outlined above by Member States, the deadline for submission is **Friday 15 March 2024**.

All submissions should be sent **electronically, in Microsoft Word format**. Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed.

Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Virginia Browning (virginia.browning@un.org) copying Ms. Katherine Prizeman (prizeman@un.org). Any views received **after 15 March 2024 will be posted on the website of the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies in the original language received.**

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



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