

Intervention by Mr. Md. Rafiqul Alam Molla, Counsellor at the intersessional session of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG)

Development and operationalization of a Global, Intergovernmental Points of Contacts (POC) Directory

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We would like to express our appreciation to you and your team for presenting the rev-2 of the draft elements for the development and operationalization of a Global, Intergovernmental Points of Contacts Directory. My delegation considers the POC directory would serve as a Confidence Building Measures in itself and also provide a framework for the implementation of other CBMs. We believe this directory will also help in capacity building.

In our view, the draft is adequately balanced, and we appreciate the elaboration and clarification presented to this version of paper. We welcome the inclusion of paragraph 3 which includes neutral in nature of the POC and paragraph 05 that outlets main purposes of the directory.

We would like to seek a clarification on paragraph 7, roman iii that states information on operational languages of POC. Does it need to be UN language?

To improve the paper, we believe it is important to provide clarity on what layers of data that will be shared and the mechanisms for effectively managing data security.

Further, the distinction between the diplomatic and technical point of contact as outlined in paragraph 09 is very helpful to understand their role. In this regard we support the proposal of South Africa in order to avoid duplication.

We support the step-by-step approach to the concept of a POC directory as we move forward and

We are open to new ideas and stand ready to engage with others in order to adopt the paper in July.

Thank you.