

## **5 December – Global PoC Directory**

- CBMs are the third pillar in the Framework.
- The July APR also mandated us to have this meeting, in order to see the PoC Directory through.
- For Canada, this is an important project, as it will allow us to move beyond the PoC directories maintained by regional organizations.
- It's great that regional organizations like the OAS and OSCE maintain regional PoC directories, but not all States are members of regional organizations. We need to have contacts for those states as well, hence the need for a global PoC directory.
- In terms of the details of establishing the global PoC Directory, Canada has provided our detailed views via the UNIDIR survey.
- I was a little disappointed to hear from UNIDIR last week that fewer than 30 States have filled in that survey.
- I had shared some of our views on this issue in previous sessions, so Canada had a position on this already, as I suspect many of you also have.
- Given that Canada had a fully consulted position on this, it took me all of 10-15 minutes to fill in the survey.
- Doing this is a useful way for all states to share their views in one place, so that UNIDIR can then collate them and draw conclusions with regards to the will of the majority of States.

- But it is only useful if a sufficient number of States answer the survey. So for those who have not yet filled in the survey, please go and do so ASAP.
- To sum up Canada's basic views, as expressed in the survey:
  - We think that the global PoC directory should build on existing PoC directories maintained by regional organizations, rather than attempt to reinvent the wheel.
  - We think it should be voluntary and include the name, phone number and email address of 2 contacts for each State, one at the technical and one at the policy level.
  - This is what has been done in the OSCE context, where we have provided the name and contact information of my Director, and the head of our CERT, as Canada's PoCs.
  - Ideally, these contacts should be exercised once or twice a year. This can take the form of a simple email to both contacts, asking that they confirm receipt. This ensures that the list is kept current.
  - If this model is followed, this Directory is a pretty simple thing to put together, so we hope that it can get done relatively fast, with minimum resource expenditures and without the need to create large new structures.

- As you have heard, the cross regional group on CBMs has drafted a paper on the global PoC network. It offers ideas on how the directory could be created, and what it should look like.
- Germany has presented the main ideas in that paper. Canada agrees with everything in that paper. We thank Germany and others in the group for their contribution to this paper.
- We stand by to assist in the creation of the Directory and we are ready to provide our national contacts as soon as it is finalized.
- In conclusion, Canada is pleased that the July APR endorsed the idea proposed by the cross regional group last Spring to create a Global PoC Directory.
- This session has been very useful in hearing States' views on what the Directory could look like, and how to create it.
- We look forward to working with you all to take this project to the finish line.
- Thank you.