

6 December – Role of stakeholders on CBMs

- Canada is proud to be part of the cross regional group on CBMs convened by Germany. You heard my colleagues from Chile and Singapore speak before me. They have made valuable contributions to the work of that group and made some excellent points in their remarks just now.
- Among group members, we agreed that Canada would discuss the role of stakeholders in implementing CBMs.
- Yesterday, I spoke about the global PoC directory. I limited my remarks to the current intent of the directory, which is to include the contacts of State reps only.
- In terms of possible areas of future work to expand on this directory, Canada agrees with many stakeholders who have recommended that we eventually broaden the PoC directory to include, on a voluntary basis, key contacts among industry and stakeholders.
- Canada supports this idea.
- I'd like to point out that companies like Microsoft and Mandiant are often the first ones to respond to cyber crises, and have more intelligence and threats and mitigation measures than many states.
- Security researchers, academia, infrastructure operators and other stakeholders also play an important role in responding to any cyber crisis.
- So, let's get the global PoC Directory of State contacts done, and then consider adding stakeholders and States to the directory, on a voluntary basis, at a later date.

- I'd like to note that I make these remarks in my national capacity only, not on behalf of all members of the cross regional group on CBMs.
- So, broadening the directory to include stakeholders and the private sector is one option to include stakeholders in our work on CBMs.
- But that is only one example of stakeholders' possible contributions on CBMs. I have talked to several key stakeholders before this meeting. They have many great ideas that they will share this afternoon during the stakeholder session about how they can contribute to our work on CBMs.
- For example, I spoke to one stakeholder, who had a great idea when it came to a possible transparency measure. I won't steal her thunder, but will rather let her explain her idea this afternoon.
- My colleague from Australia also has ideas on transparency measures, which we will hear later this morning.
- In addition to having great ideas on CBMs and transparency measures, stakeholders also play a key part in implementing CBMs.
- I was at an OAS event on CBMs a few weeks ago in Mexico City. I was delighted that my colleagues from Mexico and the OAS who hosted this meeting included a wide range of stakeholders in their event.
- EUISS also hosted a standalone stakeholder event at the end of the meeting. During those events, I learned a lot about the

key role that stakeholders and industry play in implementing CBMs.

- You will hear more about that during the stakeholder session this aft.
- The bottom line is that stakeholders have a key role in implementing CBMs, so they should be allowed to play an integral role in developing CBMs.
- This is what was done at the OAS, and this is how we should do business at the UN as well.
- In summary, stakeholders have ideas when it comes to CBMs and transparency measures, they could be included in an eventual expanded directory of PoCs and they have a key role to play in the implementation of CBMs. So, they should be included as much as possible in our work to develop CBMs.
- Chair, I commend you for organizing a dedicated session on CBMs this afternoon, where we can hear their views. I hope colleagues pay close attention to their views and ideas that we hear this afternoon, and that we incorporate those views into our work within this group.
- Thank you.