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Confidence-building measures

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Thank you Chair, for giving us the opportunity to take the floor.

Chile gives great importance to the development and implementation of Confidence-Building Measures, highlighting the work that has been carried out at international organizations´ level, especially by the Organization of American States, at the Working Group on Cooperation and Confidence Building Measures in Cyberspace.

Just to give you some context. This Working Group – chaired by US and co chaired by Dominican Republic, was approved by OAS Member States in 2017 through resolution CICTE/RES.1/17, given the need for increased cooperation, transparency, predictability, and stability among States in the use of cyberspace. The Group focuses on non-traditional Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), specifically those related to cyberspace. Member States of the OAS have agreed to the following 6 CBMs:

1. Provide information on national cybersecurity policies, such as national strategies, white papers, legal frameworks and other documents that each Member State considers relevant.

2. Identify a national point of contact at the political level to discuss the implications of hemispheric cyber threats.

3. Designate points of contact, if they do not currently exist, in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs with the purpose of facilitating work for cooperation and international dialogues on cybersecurity and cyberspace.

4. Develop and strengthen capacity building through activities such as seminars, conferences, and workshops, for public and private officials in cyber diplomacy, among others.

5. Encourage the incorporation of cybersecurity and cyberspace issues in basic training courses and training for diplomats and officials at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and other government agencies.

6. Foster cooperation and exchange of best practices in cyber diplomacy, cybersecurity and cyberspace, through the establishment of working groups, other dialogue mechanisms and the signing of agreements between and among States.

The Fourth Meeting of this Working Group was held last October in Mexico City. During the reunion, States discussed the possibility to create new CBMs about gender, international law, promotion of the 11 voluntary non-binding norms, strengthening the work and dialogue with stakeholders, and for the development of our own national schemes of severity of Cyber-incidents and exchange of information about them.

Likewise, CBMs portal was established in 2021. The data contained on the portal is administered by the Technical Secretariat of the Working Group, namely the CICTE/OAS as submitted voluntarily by its Member States.

On the other hand, since 2017 CICTE has developed capacity building and training courses with the purpose of strengthening the implementation of these measures.

Chile is committed to the implementation of CBMs, the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies, and all the strategies aiming to advance to an open, free, secure, and resilient cyberspace.