Position from The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the establishment of a Global Points of Contact Directory

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In response to the Chair’s request for views on the global Point of Contact (POC) directory and the proposed non-paper, Jordan would like to make the following remarks:

1. Jordan’s values the efforts of the Chair of the Working Group aimed at generating inputs that feed this process.
2. Jordan supports the proposal to create the United Nations global point of contact (PoC) directory within the OEWG. The creation of the PoC will favor the implementation of other CBMs; supports capacity building; increase transparency and predictability; encourage the responsible behavior of States in cyberspace; and facilitate coordination and communication between Member States, especially in times of crisis.
3. Jordan supports that the UNODA will serve as the manager of the directory.
4. Jordan will continue to participate in the discussions to lay the ground for consensus language concerning the detailed set-up and modalities of the PoC directory in the next Annual Progress Report (APR).

However, Jordan would like to emphasize the following considerations:

1. The PoC directory shall be voluntary for all States. The decision on how to interact with communications received via the PoC shall be determined by each State.
2. Information shared between PoCs shall be on the same level as ordinary official communications, and sensitive information should be shared using specific channels only.
3. The directory shall be hosted in a secure online environment.
4. The level of representation, diplomatic and/or technical, at the PoC directory shall be determined by each State.