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Excellency,

I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

I am pleased to inform delegations that following the consensus adoption of General Assembly decision 78/541 “Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240” on 22 December 2023, the Secretariat has begun the process of setting up the global, intergovernmental points of contact directory (Global POC Directory) as well as implementing the functions of directory manager, in accordance with the agreed elements contained in Annex A of the OEWG’s second Annual Progress Report contained in A/78/265.

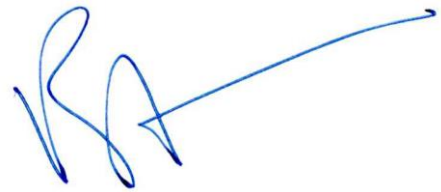
I would also like to draw the attention of delegations to the Note Verbale “ODA/2024-003/ Global intergovernmental points of contact directory ICT security” issued by the Office for Disarmament Affairs on 8 January 2024 calling for the nominations of points of contact to the directory from all Member States, and strongly encourage all delegations to consider doing so expeditiously.

In this regard, I would like to invite delegations to an informal virtual briefing on **Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 9.00am (New York time)**, where I intend to brief delegations on the roadmap and timeline for the development and operationalization of the Global POC Directory in accordance with our agreed consensus elements. I will also invite the Secretariat to provide an update on the work that is being undertaken to implement our decisions. It is my hope that this informal briefing will give delegations greater clarity on the work that is required to operationalize the Global POC Directory

and to support and implement all our related decisions. The Secretariat will disseminate the link for the informal briefing in due course.

I thank all delegations for their constructive participation in the work of the OEWG and remain committed to working together with delegations to advance our work in line with our consensus agreements as contained in the OEWG's first and second Annual Progress Reports and in accordance with our mandate as established in General Assembly resolution 75/240.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Burhan Gafoor

Chair

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