**Pakistan’s Views on the Establishment of a Global Directory of Points of Contact (PoCs)**

Pakistan has always remained supportive of the idea of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) in cyberspace. Pakistan, time and again, has expressed deep concern about the rising trend of cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure, considering the fact that this phenomenon is getting more complex and sophisticated over time. The emergence of AI-assisted cyber-attacks has made the situation more complex and has added non-linear paths to escalation. This situation is posing serious threats to regional and international security and calls for greater cooperation among the Member States.

In view of emerging threats emanating from cyberspace, Pakistan considers the establishment of a global directory of Points of Contact (PoCs) as an important CBM which could help in averting mistrust and confusion among the Member States during a cyber-attack or in related situations. We believe that the global directory of PoCs could help in fostering trust, cooperation, and transparency among the Member States and will ensure that a crisis will not escalate into a conflict.

Concerning the operationalization of the global directory of PoCs and the mode the dissemination of the threat information among the Member States, Pakistan suggests the following:

- The global directory of PoCs could be established in the form of a dedicated publicly accessible webpage containing the details of PoCs designated by States at the Diplomatic, Policy, and Technical levels.

- The designated PoCs will be responsible to make diplomatic, policy, and technical level analysis of the shared information and will respond accordingly.

- In an event of a cyber-attack, the PoCs could be approached by the PoCs or relevant authorities of other Member States to share and seek information related to the incident. Consequently, the directory will enable the Member States to engage in cyber dialogue.

- In addition to the Member States, there are several private entities and organizations which work on cyber threat hunting and conduct related research. They proactively search for potential cyber threats and vulnerabilities which could remain undetected by the States. Restricting access to Member States may not be beneficial if the timely sharing of
cyber threats and related information is the real purpose of the directory.

- However, the Member States could only be given the rights/access to update the information available on the webpage.

- It will be the responsibility of the Member States to keep the directory updated.

- The directory may contain the Name, designation, email address, and contact number of the PoCs.

- A mechanism could be established at UNoDA to ensure that the directory will remain updated and accessible.

**Establishment of a Real-Time Threat Sharing Platform**

To facilitate the real-time sharing of threat information among the Member States, Pakistan proposes the establishment of a digital platform. The platform will make the dissemination of threat information faster.

Member States may engage in discussions to finalize the following technical aspects of the proposed platform:

- The kind of information could be shared through the platform.
- The format of the shared information.
- How the cyber incidents and the shared information could be prioritized in terms of their severity.
- Protocols to classify the information.

The proposed platform will be able to send alerts to all the PoCs, if a State wants to share particular information with all Member States.

**Capacity-Building of the Member States**

The success of the global directory of the PoCs is contingent upon equipping the Member States with the required tools and technologies necessary to make their national cyberspace secure and stable. Table-top exercises, cyber drills, and the exchange of best practices may help in extracting the desired results from the global directory of PoCs.

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