



**South Africa Statement Agenda Item 5 on the “Confidence-Building Measures,” at the 4th Substantive Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies
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Thank you, Chairperson.

We will keep our comments on this item brief as we have already elaborated in detail on the Points of Contact (PoC) directory.

Firstly, it is important for us to recognise the value that delegations have already derived from the fruitful and action oriented engagement in the OEWG. We believe that this forum has proved itself to be a confidence building measure (CBM).

Secondly, South Africa believes that the extensive work done in the development of ideas around the establishment of the PoC directory as expressed in your revised non-paper is a good basis further discussion. In accordance with the 2022 Annual Progress Report in which we agreed to establish a PoC directory, we would like to move forward with this project.

Thirdly, another area where we could build confidence through global cybersecurity cooperation is the establishment of an integrated platform, as proposed by the delegation of India. We support the proposal to voluntarily share concept papers, national strategies, policies and programmes, as well as information on institutions and structures relevant to ICT security on such a portal.

Fourthly, given the fact that so many delegations have referred to CBMs used in regional organisations it might be useful for us to consolidate a list of these for background information.

Finally, we believe that the proposal to establish a repository for information on cyberthreats is also a proposal we should consider.

Thank you.