Points of Contact – Preliminary Findings of the Survey

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Introduction

✓ Points of Contact (PoC) are considered Confidence Building Measures (OEWG Report 2021, Annual Progress Report 2022)

✓ No indication of how a cyber PoC network should work, and no studies or analyses on PoC networks exist.

✓ UNIDIR is conducting a two-phase project on PoC

☐ Phase 1: Review of a selection of existing PoC networks (March - July 2022)

☐ Phase 2: Explore MS preferences for the establishment of a cyber PoC network (Sep-Dec 2022); Analysis and synthesis of the results (Jan 2022 – Mar 2023); Publication of a final report (July 2023)

☑ Expected impact:
  ▪ Informing the OEWG process in terms of viable options for the establishment of a PoC directory in the framework of cyber CBMs
  ▪ Serving as a reference study on procedures, parameters, and practices (including lessons learned) of existing networks in the field of disarmament.
Phase 1: Review of existing POC networks

✓ Methodology: case studies analysis
✓ Analysis of 12 parameters
✓ Desk research and structured interviews
✓ Anonymity

Selection of 10 PoC Networks

1. Arms Trade Treaty – National Points of Contact
2. ASEAN-Japan – Cybersecurity Points of Contact
3. Convention on Cluster Munitions – National Points of Contact
4. Council of Europe – The Budapest Convention 24/7 Points of Contact
5. G7 – 24/7 Network Points of Contact
6. INTERPOL – Cybercrime Points of Contact
8. OSCE – CBMs to Reduce the Risks of Conflict Stemming from Use of ICTs, Points of Contact.
9. UNODA Biological Weapons Convention – National Points of Contact
10. UNODA Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument – National Points of Contact
## The 12 parameters of PoC directories & networks

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<td>1. Establishment and legal basis</td>
<td>(formal, informal)</td>
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<td>2. Nature of the requirement</td>
<td>(mandatory, voluntary)</td>
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<td>3. Purpose</td>
<td>(assistance, communication, coordination, reporting)</td>
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<td>4. Type</td>
<td>(diplomatic, legal, policy, technical)</td>
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<td>5. Language requirements</td>
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<td>6. Role and responsibilities of the secretariat/network manager</td>
<td>(communication, maintenance and support, capacity-building, convening, etc.)</td>
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<td>7. Financial support</td>
<td>(dedicated, general)</td>
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<td>9. Location</td>
<td>(offline, online)</td>
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<td>10. Accessibility</td>
<td>(public, private)</td>
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<td>11. Security measures</td>
<td>(cybersecurity, credentials, distribution)</td>
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<td>12. Updates</td>
<td>(solicited, unsolicited)</td>
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Phase 2: Survey on the Points of Contact Network and Directory on Security in the Use of ICTs

✓ Survey to all Member States
✓ As of 2 December: 29 responses
✓ A working paper will be released before the fourth session of the OEWG (March 2023)
✓ A final report will be released ahead of the fifth session of the OEWG (July 2023)

✓ Access the Survey
Regional Coverage

- African States: 3
- Asia-Pacific States: 5
- Eastern European States: 4
- Latin American and Caribbean States: 5
- Western European and other States: 11
- Observer: 1

- Total: 26
How important is the establishment of a global directory of PoC?
How should the establishment of the PoC network and directory take place?

- By a formal decision of an authoritative political body: 14
- By an informal decision by an authoritative political body/or by some Member States: 10
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 5
If you answered, “by a formal decision by the political authoritative body” in the previous question, which body should be responsible for mandating such establishment?
Should the establishment of the PoC network be mandatory for State members?

- Yes: 5
- No: 18
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 6
What type of PoC network would you like to be established for the purpose of cyber CBMs: (Select all that apply)

- Diplomatic and Technical: 23
- Only Diplomatic: 3
- Only Technical: 2
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 1
If you answered Diplomatic to the previous question: What specific functions would you like the PoC to perform (Select all that apply):

- Communication: 26 votes
- Assistance: 11 votes
- Reporting: 16 votes
- Coordination: 17 votes
- Other: 0 votes
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 0 votes
If you answered Technical to the previous question: What specific functions would you like the PoC to perform (Select all that apply):

- Communication: 19
- Assistance: 20
- Reporting: 18
- Coordination: 14
- Other: 1
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 0
What language(s) should the PoC and secretariat use for communication?

- All UN official languages: 22
- It should not be defined: 2
- Other: 4
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 1
Which of the following activities should the secretariat be responsible for? (Select all that apply)

- Communication
- Directory Maintenance
- Capacity Building
- Organisation of meetings
- Conduct Exercise or Checks
- No views / Prefer not to answer
- Other
Should the secretariat have a dedicated budget to carry out the tasks related to the management of the PoC network and directory?

- Yes: 11
- Yes but it should be funded by third parties: 2
- Yes but it should be on voluntarily basis: 5
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 9
- No: 2

Overall, the majority of responses support the idea of a dedicated budget, with some conditions for its funding mode and basis.
Should the secretariat have dedicated staff to carry out the tasks related to the management of the PoC network and directory?

- Yes: 16
- No: 3
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 10
Where would you prefer the directory to be preserved?

- Online: 23
- Offline: 1
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 5
If you answered “Online” : shall the secretariat maintain the directory on:

- A dedicated webpage of an existing UN site/platform (21 total)
- An independent website (1 total)
- No views / Prefer not to answer (1 total)
If you answered “Offline”: what tool should the secretariat use to distribute the directory:

- File enclosed to official and verified emails: 1
- Note Verbale: 0
- Fax: 0
- Standard mail to official and verified address: 0
- No views / Prefer not to answer: 0
- Other: 0
What information regarding national PoCs shall the directory contain? (select all that apply)

- Name of the contact person: 27 votes
- Address: 20 votes
- Telephone number: 20 votes
- Type of email (e.g., diplomatic, technical): 23 votes
- Other: 2 votes
How shall the directory be updated? (select all that apply)

- The secretariat should send a scheduled reminder to all Member States. (22 votes)
- The Member State should send an update to the secretariat as soon as possible. (12 votes)
- In case of an online directory, the Member State should be allowed to directly update its profile in the directory. (17 votes)
- No views/prefer not to answer. (2 votes)
- Other. (0 votes)
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