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**View from the Czech Republic on global points of contact directory pursuant to A/77/275
“Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of
international security” containing the progress report on the discussions of the open-ended
working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies
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In response to the request of the Office for Disarmament Affairs for views on the global points of contact directory the Czech Republic submits its contribution in the form of the following comments:

- The Czech Republic believes that Confidence-Building Measures (CBMs) play a key role in preventing conflicts, avoiding misperception, and reducing tensions in cyberspace. They are a necessary means of dealing with situations where there is a lack of trust between states.
- The Czech Republic supports the establishment of a global, intergovernmental points of contact directory on security in the use of ICTs at the United Nations. This is a necessary part of operationalizing at a global level the CBMs as outlined in ‘Recommended next steps’ (paragraph 3 under Section E of the Annex contained in A/77/275).
- The Czech Republic thinks there is an important role for regional organisations in this work. As a member of OSCE and as mentioned in the last OEWG report, we have seen the great work done by these organizations in establishing regional directories, and we should build on their experiences.
- The Czech Republic believes that the points of contact directory should be thoroughly discussed by the UN Member States and should enjoy their full support. The directory should be established on voluntary basis and should be evaluated in terms of its functionality and usefulness after one year of its operation.
- The Czech Republic suggest establishing the points of contact directory at the diplomatic level. This channel can be used for dissemination of information to all relevant national authorities. Broad discussion on the establishment of a directory at the technical level should be opened at the OEWG and should draw on the experience of establishing the diplomatic level directory.