

Regional Workshop on Frameworks for
Cybersecurity and Critical Information
Infrastructure Protection

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**Meeting Closing Remarks on behalf of
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Distinguished Delegates, Speakers, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, we are ending the 4-day “Regional Workshop on Frameworks for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection”. I do not have to repeat the importance of cybersecurity and protection of critical information infrastructures and assets for each nation’s security and economic well-being. This has been stressed by HE Vice Minister Vu Duc Dam of the Ministry of Information and Communications of Vietnam during his keynote address at the Opening Session, by the distinguished speakers in the each of the 10 sessions of the workshop and also by the delegates, particularly when during the very interesting roundtable information exchanges, they shared experiences, expressed their concerns and tabled some important recommendations.

In Session 10, Mr. Phan Tam and Mr. Robert Shaw and their excellent panel had provided us with a very comprehensive summary of the workshop discussions as well as recommendations on the way forward.

As we have noted, a lot of discussion areas and activities on cybersecurity and critical information infrastructure protection are work on progress and will definitely continue to evolve. We are all invited to continue to actively contribute to, follow the discussions on and monitor the progress of work and activities related to cybersecurity that are being undertaken in our own countries, in other countries and in relevant regional and international organizations such as the ITU.

As main moderator/facilitator for WSIS Action C5, ITU with its known mandate in the standardization and development of telecommunications, will continue to provide a forum where the diverse views from governments, the private sector and other stakeholders about cybersecurity can be discussed, with the goal of achieving a common understanding amongst all the concerned parties, identifying how those issues could be addressed globally and effectively and agreeing on concrete actions.

From my side discussions with delegates in this workshop, we are happy to hear that you have found the workshop relevant in your individual field of work. I am also aware that some of us will still have to digest the loads of information that we have received in this workshop. There may still be questions left hanging that need further study and clarification. Based on this, I

believe we can say that we have achieved the objectives of this workshop, most importantly, to raise awareness on the different aspects of cybersecurity and to contribute to the ongoing discussions and debate on this subject.

For your information, the ITU Asia Pacific Regional and Area Offices have included in next year's ITU-D Operational Plan a proposal for another Cybersecurity Workshop in 2008. We have taken note of your concerns and recommendations and will consider them, as appropriate, when we plan for this next event, where we hope to see all of you.

At this point, in behalf of ITU, I would like to sincerely thank the following:

- The Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) of Vietnam for the excellent hosting of this workshop;
- VNCERT for their cooperation in the planning and organization of this event and for providing us with excellent venue and facilities which ensured the efficient conduct of the workshop;
- Our distinguished speakers, for taking time out of their very busy schedule to join us in this workshop, for their excellent lectures and for sharing their experiences with the workshop participants;
- All the workshop delegates for your attention and active participation and contribution;
- The Government of Australia for their financial support for this event;
- Vettel, McAfee, VNPT, MobiFone, EVN Telecom and VDC for their sponsorship;
- Personally, I would like to thank my colleagues from BDT and TSB Geneva for supporting the Asia Pacific Regional and Area Offices, particularly for this workshop;
- And last but not the least, we would like to thank the workshop Secretariat, I cannot name all of them, who worked so hard before and during the workshop. We thank them preparing the CD-ROMs containing the presentations of the workshop at a very short notice. We also appreciate all their hard work and assistance in ensuring the smooth conduct of the workshop and for the hospitality extended all delegates.

I wish you all a safe journey back home.