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To:
Member States, ITU-D Sector Members and list
of selected experts

Subject: **Invitation to join the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) expert group and to attend the related meeting**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the successful undertaking of the two previous versions of the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI), I have initiated the third iteration. To this end, an invitation letter to the ITU Member States has been sent on the 8th of March 2018, to complete the data collection phase.

For this next iteration, as well as for the ones that will surely follow, I wish to take a multi-stakeholder approach that leverages the expertise of different organizations with the objective of improving the quality of the GCI, instigating international cooperation and promoting knowledge exchange on this topic.

In this context, after a detailed revision of the questionnaire for this next GCI version, there is a need to elaborate a more precise computation of the sub-indices and of the main index. The weight of questions which will be recommended by the group of experts should reflect the importance of given issues for the overall cybersecurity commitment of a nation state.

As a result, I hereby wish to invite you to join the GCI Expert Group and to attend the Meeting that will take place on the 10th of May 2018 from 14:30 to 17:30 at ITU Headquarters. The meeting will discuss and recommend appropriate coefficients to ensure that all cybersecurity aspects of the survey are given an expert-based appreciation through the scoring mechanism.

Attached to this letter, the Terms of Reference which details the specific tasks to be undertaken by the group. All relevant information and material related to the GCI can be also found at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/GCI.aspx

The meeting will take place after the ITU-D Study Group Question 3 session on "Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity", which is open to Member States, Sector Members and Academia.

Should you wish to attend the Study Group Meeting, registration is required. Each registration request is validated through the Focal Points designated by each administration and entity entitled to participate. With your TIES log-in credentials you can register for all meetings.

In case you do not have a TIES account, user account creation is available at any time here. Online registration can be done at the following website: http://www.itu.int/net3/ITU-D/meetings/registration/ .

Your prior confirmation would be highly appreciated and should you opt for a remote participation, please do inform us on time.

As soon as you confirm your participation, I would kindly ask you to designate a focal point to facilitate further communications. The ITU focal point is Mr Marco Obiso (marco.obiso@itu.int).

I look forward to a positive response from you and to the start of a very fruitful collaboration on this endeavor of global scope, one that has already garnered a lot of interest within the international community.

Yours faithfully

[Original signed]

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