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Subject: Guide to Developing a National Cybersecurity Strategy

Sir/Madam,

In November 2015, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) initiated a multistakeholder collaborative effort with partners from Intergovernmental and International Organisations, private sector, as well as academia and civil society recognized as having made a significant contribution in the area of national cybersecurity strategies. The common goal of the partners was to produce a reference guide for developing and implementing a national cybersecurity strategy, intended for countries and the international community at large.

Therefore ITU was joined by the World Bank and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Commonwealth Secretariat (ComSec), the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO), the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre Of Excellence (NATO CCD COE), Deloitte, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), the Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre (GCSCC) at the University of Oxford, Microsoft, the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and RAND Europe. The European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) also provided a significant contribution to the Guide.

I was proud to announce the publication of the resulting **Guide to Developing a National Cybersecurity Strategy** at the ITU Telecom 2018 event recently held in Durban, and I hope that this Guide will prove a useful tool to assist our Member States in their continuing efforts to enhance cybersecurity.

I have great pleasure in enclosing a copy of the publication for your information. The Guide is available for free download at https://www.itu.int/pub/D-STR-CYB_GUIDE.01-2018/en. While available only in English at the moment, translations into the other UN languages will soon also be available at this website.

I remain fully committed to our continued collaboration, particularly in the field of cybersecurity.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration,

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