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Subject: ITU Interregional Workshop for Africa and Arab regions on "National Cybersecurity

Strategies", 10-12 December 2019 and on the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) Report-

Iteration 2018, 13 December 2019, Tunis, Tunisia

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Interregional Workshop for Africa and Arab region on "National Cybersecurity Strategies" to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the kind invitation of the National Agency for Computer Security (NACS) of Tunisia.

The Workshop will take place in Tunis, Tunisia, from **10-12 December 2019**. This workshop is being organized within the framework of the ITU regional initiative for Africa and Arab regions on building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/information and telecommunication technologies adopted by the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17), that amongst others aims at issuing policy guidelines, and elaboration or review of national cybersecurity strategies and sharing country and regional best practices and case studies. The workshop will be followed by a half-day workshop to present the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) Report of 2018 on **13 December 2019**.

This workshop is designed to address mid to senior level management from policy makers, regulators, corporate executives and managers undertaking cybersecurity responsibilities in their respective organizations and especially cybersecurity officials in charge of drafting ICT national policies and strategies (including from the legislative perspective) as well as the representative of the entities in charge of implementation of such policies, legal frameworks and regulations.

Please note that this workshop will be paperless. Documents related to this event, including the venue of the meeting, practical information, agenda and presentations, will be available on the ITU website (click here). The workshop will be conducted in three languages (French, English and Arabic) as an interpretation will be available.

To participate, please register online using the link available at (<u>click here</u>) no later than **30 November 2019**. There are no participation fees for this event, however, please note that all expenses concerning travel,

accommodation and insurance of delegates should be covered by your administration / organization / company.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs) in the above events, the ITU Arab Regional Office is pleased to provide one full fellowship to cover the travel and accommodation of one delegate from each Arab LDCs and LICs, with preference to those applicants working in cybersecurity. Applicants requesting fellowships are required to submit their fellowship request form, which is available on the workshop's website mentioned above, duly signed by their respective Administrations by no later than **20 November 2019**.

Participants are also advised to take the necessary steps to obtain the entry visa to Tunisia. They are requested to contact their local Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia for information well in advance.

For further questions about the workshop, please contact Ms. Rouda AlAmir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office (Tel: +202 35371777, e-mail: Rouda.AlamirAli@itu.int).

Looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in this important workshop.

Yours sincerely,

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