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Subject: Invitation to the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) Report Launch event

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the official release of the new edition of the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) report of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), to be held on 29 June 2021 from 13:30 – 15:00 Geneva time.

Since its launch in 2015, the GCI has been a trusted reference, measuring countries' commitments to cybersecurity and raising awareness of the importance and different dimensions of the issue. As cybersecurity is a broad and complex issue, cutting across industries and sectors, each country's level of development or engagement is assessed along five pillars: Legal Measures, Technical Measures, Organizational Measures, Capacity Building, and Cooperation – and then aggregated into an overall score.

The current fourth iteration of the GCI covers the 2019-2020 period and reflects data collected during the COVID-19 pandemic. The launch webinar will present the GCI report, its key findings and share insights with ITU Member States, Sector Members, UN agencies, and other key stakeholders. The event will feature best practices and a global dialogue on how countries use the GCI to improve their cybersecurity development.

In addition, the webinar will recognize the work of country cybersecurity focal points for their participation in the fourth iteration of the GCI, and invite countries to participate in future GCI activities. Please note that your country's GCI focal point is copied on this letter.

For further information and to register for the Global Cybersecurity Index report launch event, please visit our <u>website</u> and follow <u>this link</u> to register. For additional inquiries, my colleagues Ms. Grace Acayo and Ms. Caroline Troein (<u>gci@itu.int</u>) remain at your disposal.

I look forward to your presence at the launch event and to future fruitful cooperation in the next iterations of the GCI.

Yours faithfully,

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