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**Subject: Regional Workshop on Frameworks for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP), Buenos Aires, Argentina, 16-18 October 2007**

Sir, Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), we would like to invite you to nominate participants for a **Regional Workshop on “Frameworks for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP)”**, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 16-18 October 2007. The workshop is being organized in collaboration with *Secretaría de Comunicaciones del Ministerio de Planificación Federal, Inversión Pública y Servicios, de la República Argentina*.

The integration of information and communication technologies (ICT) into almost every sphere of daily economic and social activity has increased the dependence of individuals, organizations and governments on globally interconnected networks. At the same time, new cyber-threats have emerged that have an impact on confidence and security in the use of ICTs. In order to protect networked infrastructures and address these threats, coordinated national action is required for the prevention, preparation, response and recovery from incidents. National frameworks and strategies are needed that allow stakeholders (end users, industry, and governments) to use all the technical, legal and regulatory tools available to promote a culture of cybersecurity.

In Resolution 130 (Antalya, 2006), ITU was requested to give high priority to building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies. This workshop, one in a series of regional events jointly organised by ITU-D and ITU-T, aims to:

- Identify challenges faced by countries in the Americas Region in developing frameworks for cybersecurity and CIIP, share experiences, and consider best practices;
- Disseminate information on the ITU cybersecurity work programme to assist developing countries and ITU-D Study Group Question 22/1: Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity;
- Disseminate information on related technical security standards activities developed/being developed by standardisation organisations, and in particular, related ITU-T activities;

- Review the role of various actors (e.g., Governments, Service Providers, Academia, Citizens) in promoting a culture of cybersecurity.

The workshop is targeted at policy makers / regulators / service providers / operators, who are or would be involved in setting up or are implementing related frameworks in their country. It will benefit:

- Information and communication policy makers from ministries and government departments;
- Departments/Institutions dealing with cybersecurity policies and legislation; and
- Representatives from operators, manufacturers, service providers, industry and consumer associations that need to understand develop and implement related solutions.

Our endeavor is to make the programme interactive through your support and active participation of ITU Members. The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish. A draft workshop agenda is enclosed and more detailed information about the event is available at [www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2007/buenos-aires/](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2007/buenos-aires/). Electronic contributions to the meeting on country experiences are solicited. The registration form and fellowship form (if applicable), should be returned as soon as possible but not later than 23 September 2007.

We are pleased to inform you that ITU will provide one full fellowship to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from Least Developed Countries and Low Income Developing Countries in the Americas region, subject to available budget, for participating in this Workshop. The number of delegates from a country is not limited; however, the country will bear all costs of additional delegates. It is expected that each participant would be prepared to report on cybersecurity-related initiatives in his/her respective country.

Participants who require assistance to attend the workshop should contact Ms. Luciene Tavares ([luciene.tavares@itu.int](mailto:luciene.tavares@itu.int)) at the ITU Regional Office in Brasilia, Brazil on telephone number +55 61 2312 2730.

We look forward to the active participation and invaluable contribution from your organization.

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

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Director

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Enclosures:

- Draft Agenda
- Pre-Registration Form
- Fellowship Form
- For general information for meeting participants see the meeting website at [www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2007/buenos-aires/](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2007/buenos-aires/).