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Subject: Regional Workshop on Frameworks for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP) Doha, Qatar, 18-20 February 2008 and Cybersecurity Forensics Workshop 21 February 2008.

Sir, Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), we would like to invite you to nominate a national delegation to participate in the **Regional Workshop on Frameworks for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP)**, to be held 18-20 February 2008 in Doha, Qatar. The workshop is being hosted by ictQATAR and organized in collaboration with Q-CERT, the Qatar National Program for Information Security.

At the start of the 21st century, modern societies have a growing dependency on information and communication technologies (ICTs) that are globally interconnected. This interconnectivity creates interdependencies and risks that must be managed at national, regional and international levels. At the national level, each nation should consider organizing itself to take coordinated action related to the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from cyber incidents. Such action requires coordination and cooperation among national participants, including, those in government, business, and other organizations, as well as individual users, who develop, own, provide, manage, service and use information systems and networks. The formulation and implementation by all nations of a national framework for cybersecurity and critical information infrastructure protection (CIIP) represents a first step in addressing the challenges arising from globally interconnected ICT infrastructures.

This workshop, one in a series of regional events organized by ITU-D, is being held in response to *ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 130: Strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies* (Antalya, 2006) and the 2006 World Telecommunication Development Conference Doha Action Plan establishing *ITU-D Study Group Question 22/1: Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity*. As part of this activity, ITU-D is developing a *Report on Best Practices for a National Approach to Cybersecurity* which outlines a *Framework for Organizing a National Approach to Cybersecurity* identifying five key elements of a national effort, including: 1) Developing a national cybersecurity strategy; 2) Establishing national government-industry collaboration; 3) Creating a national incident management capability; 4) Deterring cybercrime; and 5) Promoting a national culture of cybersecurity.

The *Framework* aims to identify the major cybersecurity actors in a country, their roles and means of coordination, interaction, and cooperation. These actors include agencies and institutions that:

- Lead government interagency efforts on cybersecurity and provide operational guidance;
- Interact with the private sector with regards to cybersecurity whether for cybercrime, incident management, or technical and policy development;
- Develop and enforce laws related to cybersecurity;
- Coordinate action related to the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from cyber incidents; and,
- Promote a national culture of cybersecurity, including awareness-raising for individuals, small businesses and other users.

The workshop will consider initiatives at the regional and international level to increase cooperation and coordination amongst different stakeholders. The workshop programme will include an interactive session on the *ITU National Cybersecurity/CIIP Self-Assessment Toolkit*, and we look forward to active participation of the delegates in this exercise. The workshop will be conducted in English and Arabic. A draft workshop agenda is enclosed and more detailed information about the event is available at www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2008/doha/. We encourage you to consult this website, including information on the *ITU National Cybersecurity/CIIP Self-Assessment Toolkit*, before the workshop.

We are pleased to inform you that ITU will provide one full fellowship for each delegation duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from Least Developed Countries and Low Income Developing Countries in the Arab States, 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. Ideally a country would send representatives reflecting the major functions in cybersecurity referenced in the bulleted points above.

It is expected that each delegation be familiar with their national cybersecurity-related initiatives. Electronic contributions to the meeting on national experiences are solicited. Please send these to cybmail@itu.int with copy to mail@ituarabic.org before **8 February 2008**.

The workshop pre-registration form and fellowship request form (if applicable), should be returned as soon as possible but not later than **18 January 2008**. Countries requiring assistance to attend the workshop should contact the ITU Regional Office for Arab States in Cairo, Egypt on telephone: +202 2 26 26 620 or e-mail: mail@ituarabic.org.

Please note that a one day Cybersecurity Forensics Workshop will also be held in conjunction with the event on 21 February 2007. Additional information on the forensics workshop will be posted on the website.

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

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

Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid
Director

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Annexes:

- Draft Agenda
- Pre-Registration Form
- Fellowship Request Form
- For general information for meeting participants see the meeting website at www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2008/doha/.