Annex 1

ITU Regional Development Forum for Arab Region (RDF-ARB)
Accelerating the digital development in Arab Region

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Bahraini Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications

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CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-ARB P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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ORGANIZATION: [ITU- ARAB REGIONAL CYBERSECURITY CENTER, Sultanate of Oman , managed and operated by Oman National CERT]

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TITLE: [Regional Cybersecurity week]

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

A reference to the successes achieved by the Regional Cyber Security Week organized by the ITU - Regional Cybersecurity Center that is hosted by the Sultanate of Oman since 2013, which was widely praised by local and international participants. Given the importance of the topics addressed in the conference, in addition to the participation of a group of international experts and speakers in the conference, as well as a group of international companies that participated in the accompanying exhibition and presented a range of solutions and technologies in the field of electronic security, which enhanced the success of this conference with the participation of more than 500 participants from more than 50 countries annually with exceptional year of Regional cybersecurity week 2023 edition which have breaking 5 World Geniuses Record attended by 70 countries !
The ITU - Arab Regional Cybersecurity Center (ITU-ARCC) is continuing on the organizing of Regional Cybersecurity Week for the upcoming years as one of the largest cybersecurity industry development event across the regions.

The Regional cybersecurity week is a great platform in unifying the efforts and cooperate with international organizations and host several activities annually:

- **OIC-CERT Board meeting:** The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for the National CERTs, to discuss and identify priorities and initiatives of common interest and follow up on the 2023 business plan, which focuses on strengthening the cybersecurity industry and innovation in the Islamic countries and aspects of cooperation with international organizations.

- **The Regional Arab, OIC-CERT & CIS Cyber Drill:** The Cyber Drill dedicated to Arab, Organization of Islamic Cooperation , and Commonwealth Independent States CERTs. The Cyber Drill simulates the latest trends of cyber-attacks and measures the confidence and ability of the participants through specially crafted environment engaging the participants in real life scenarios, putting them under pressure to measure their ability to respond and communicate effectively with other stakeholders among the region's national Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs) to overcome the presented obstacles and circumstances. It aims to expose the participants from the national Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) or incident response teams, to various scenarios based on case studies and real-life situations.

- **The Regional Cybersecurity Summit**: aims to share experiences, consolidate and enhance cooperation among countries in the field of cybersecurity and identify clear mechanisms to tackle threats and attacks in the Arab and international cyber space. The Summit will be attended by delegates from more than 57 countries. The Summit focus on the importance of Cybersecurity Innovation and Industry Development, as innovation is the key driver to enhance the industry and aspires to create smart digital solutions that will enhance the way of life with security as a critical element, to build trust on utilizing technology in safe and productive manner.

- **The Annual OIC-CERT conference**: is an Annual Conference continuous initiative by the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT) to enhance cybersecurity and raising awareness through international cooperation among the members and other information security organizations. This Conference also offers possible partnerships and collaboration pertaining to cybersecurity in order to maintain resiliency in the cyber space. It also provides

information on cybersecurity issues, enhancement of members' effectiveness, efficiency through the improvement of the technical and administrative capabilities in incident handling and a channel to discuss strategic directions and future

- **The FIRST Symposium for Arab and Africa:** The FIRST & ITU-ARCC Symposium provides an appropriate platform for senior ICT and Cybersecurity Officials from the African and Arab Regions to discuss and formulate policies in order to tackle cyber threats.

- **The Arab Cybersecurity Cooperation Team (ACCT) meeting:** is an Annual Arab Meeting (ACCT) to explore areas of cooperation in the cybersecurity field of the Arab Region. This Meeting is a consultative gathering for the heads of National CERTS in the Arab regions to discuss fields of enhancing cybersecurity in the Arab Region. The Meeting addressing the most important aspects of joint cooperation, prominent challenges faced in cyberspace, the rapid development of software and threats that pose as a risk to institutions and individuals.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

Arab, Organization of Islamic Cooperation , and Commonwealth Independent States , Africa CERTs and International attendances.

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

Since the establishment of ITU-ARCC in the Sultanate of Oman in 2013 till date.

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ ARB1: Sustainable digital economy through digital transformation.

including Pacific Island countries, and landlocked developing countries

☒ ARB2: Enhancing confidence, security and privacy in the use of telecommunications/Information and communication technologies in the era of new and emerging digital technologies.

☐ ARB3: Developing digital infrastructure for smart sustainable cities and communities.

☐ ARB4: Building capacities and encouraging digital innovation, entrepreneurship and future foresight.

☐ ARB5: Developing means of digital regulation.

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22,

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/regional-initiatives-2023-2025.aspx

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, here

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services.

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources.

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services.

☐ Digital applications.

☐ Enabling environment.

Please find more information on the ITU Priorities, as defined by PP-22, here