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Subject: Invitation to participate in the ITU Arab - CIS Inter-Regional Cyberdrill

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Arab-CIS Inter-Regional Cyberdrill, taking place from 14 to 16 September 2022 in Almaty, Kazakhstan at the kind invitation of the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Cyber Attack Analysis and Investigation Center (TSARKA).

With specific focus on the role of national Computer Incident and Response Teams (CIRTs) and Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) in building cyber resilience and protecting critical information infrastructure, the CyberDrill sessions are tailored around four thematic concepts: reflect, share, learn and practice.

This CyberDrill will serve as a capacity building platform to enhance the existing communication mechanisms and strengthen innovative cooperation approaches for national CIRT/CSIRTs. It consists of panel discussions, technical trainings, cybersecurity exercises, and provides a common platform to connect cybersecurity teams across the ITU Member States, Sector Members including academia, regional and international organizations, telecommunication operators, regulators, along with other relevant stakeholders from the ITU Arab and CIS regions.

It is recommended that participating organizations consist of a team with a minimum of two (2) technical staff, and one (1) representative at the management level. Please note that the event will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the draft agenda and practical information for participants will be posted on the ITU website. Participants are requested to complete the online registration form available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/Events/2022/CyberDrill22.aspx>

While there is no participation fee for this meeting, it is to be noted that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration, Organization or Company. Participants requiring an entry visa to Kazakhstan should contact their nearest Embassy or Consulate well in advance.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kamila Bekbabaeva, Project Manager, TSARKA (email: bk@cybersec.kz, Tel.: +7 771 149 88 19). For any other questions concerning this Cyber Drill please contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for CIS (email: farid.nakhli@itu.int) and Mr. Ahmed El Raghy, Senior Advisor, ITU Regional Office for the Arab States (email: ahmed.elraghy@itu.int).

We look forward to your attendance at the CyberDrill.

Yours faithfully,

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