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TITLE: Proposal for activities to enhance trust and confidence in the use of ICT with focus on CSIRTs capacity building and regional cooperation

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Background

The National Centre for Computer Incident Response (MKD-CIRT) is set up within the Agency for Electronic Communications as a separate organizational unit. MKD-CIRT is the official national point of contact and coordination in dealing with security incidents in networks and information systems, and that identifies and responds to security incidents and risks. MKD-CIRT is the National CIRT of the Republic of North Macedonia and was established in 2016 after a study conducted with support from ITU and it is following ITU's recommended three-phase development approach for establishing and developing a National CIRT.

Constituents of MKD-CIRT are all ministries, public administration, and services of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, operators of critical infrastructure in the country, and large organizations in the banking, transport, communications, health, energy and other strategic sectors in the country.

Services provided by MKD-CIRT include notifications and alerts, Incident response, Vulnerability response, and Awareness, education and training.

MKD-CIRT is an accredited member of Trusted Introducer and has established connections with other CSIRTs. Among other activities, MKD-CIRT attended the ITU Regional Cyber Drill in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Proposal 1: For MKD-CIRT, participation in the ITU Regional Cyber Drill in the last three years has been of great importance. These events have helped us in developing our team's capacity and expertise, as well as with establishing regional and international cooperation and information exchange with other CSIRTs. The Agency for Electronic Communications and MKD-CIRT proposed to

host the 2020 ITU Regional Cyber Drill in Skopje. This on-site event has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. We would be glad to be involved and participate in the online event that would substitute the on-site cyber drill in 2020. We propose to host the 2021 ITU Europe Region Cyber Drill in Skopje. The 2021 dates would be according ITU request, with proposal for scheduling it for the last week of May, first or second week of June, or October-November 2021.