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TITLE: Cybersecurity in Small Island Developing States and Least developed Countries

Priority area : Strategic/priority areas

Background

The Government of Barbados notes Resolution 130 (revised Antalya, 2006) – “Strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of ICTs.” Further, the Government of Barbados applauds the significant achievements made by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) towards achieving Action Line C5 of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), that is, “Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs”. For example,

- The Establishment of the Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA);
The items of this framework are inter alia, legal aspects, technical measures, capacity building, organisation structures (including policies and strategies) and International cooperation;
- September 2008 – Signing the MoU between ITU and the International Multi-lateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT): In which IMPACT’s new state-of-the-art global headquarters in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, has effectively become the physical home of the ITU GCA.
- (In collaboration with IMPACT) The Conducting of Country Readiness Assessments and Capacity Building Workshop on National CIRT Establishment across the globe including the Caribbean; and
- Modernisation and Harmonisation of regional legislation in respect of Cyber Crime.

Notwithstanding the successes to date, noting that LDCs and SIDS lack the financial and technical capacity in the management of Cybersecurity, and notwithstanding that the Government of Barbados and the ITU will sign an Administrative Agreement today, 08 August, 2013, to start implementation of a National CIRT, the Government of Barbados is the view that much still remains to be done to assist developing countries, particularly LDCs and SIDS, in the establishment and effective management of their Cyber Security function, particularly in the area of human resource development.

Proposal

The Government of Barbados proposes that the Union continues the efforts as described in the Hyderabad Action Plan (Annex C of Resolution 74) with emphasis on support for LDCs and SIDS, for the 2014-2018 WTDC cycle.

Objective(S)

To position LDCs and SIDS as effective partners in the global fight against cybercrime in the shortest possible timeframe

Expected Outcomes

Increased number of National CIRTs in LDCs and SIDS and intensive technical training in Cybersecurity management/practice and employee exchanges
