



Security in the Use of Information and Communications Technologies

ISSUES NOTE

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1. Background Information

The BRICS Working Group on Security in the Use of Information and Communications Technologies (WGSICT) was launched in 2013 by BRICS National Security Advisors as a platform for fostering dialogue among experts on ICT security. Its activities are established in the “Roadmap for Practical Cooperation on Ensuring ICT Security”, which emphasizes policy exchanges, CERTs coalition, law enforcement cooperation, research and development, and think-tank/academic exchange mechanism. These practical-oriented goals represent key opportunities for BRICS countries to find areas of common interest and join forces in promoting a global ICT environment that is open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful.

2. Priorities

The Group’s discussions are structured under the five pillars of the “Roadmap for Practical Cooperation on Ensuring ICT Security”, which points towards possible opportunities for practical cooperation in areas of common interest. In this regard, the Brazilian chairship proposes the following priorities, continuing the work of the 10th WGSICTS meeting:

2.1. Policy exchanges

The Brazilian chairship will promote the exchange of views and national approaches on threats to security in the use of ICTs.

2.2. Establishing BRICS CERT-to-CERT cooperation network

Following the decision taken at the 9th WGSICTS meeting on establishing a Points of Contact (PoC) Directory, including building synergy with the global, intergovernmental PoC Directory established under the UN auspices, the Brazilian chairship proposes to explore the possibility of negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding on capacity-building cooperation and exchange of good practices.

2.3. Deepening practical cooperation among respective agencies dealing with security in the use of ICTs

The WGSICT agenda will cover activities to facilitate and strengthen capacity-building, technical assistance, and sharing of best practices between national law enforcement agencies, including negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding between interested parties. The discussion of a

possible joint declaration of support for the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime is also a priority for the Brazilian chairship.

2.4. Joint Research and Development and Establishing BRICS academic and research exchanges mechanism

Under these two pillars, which will continue to be addressed jointly, the Brazilian chairship intends to focus on academic cooperation and possibly nominating a national institution to facilitate the sharing of academic information, including a mapping exercise of opportunities for exchange programs.



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