

Report on the Workshop on Principles of Building Security in the Use of ICTs in the National Context, 25 – 26 June 2019

As part of the ARF Confidence Building Measures, the Republic of Singapore in partnership with the Government of Canada organised a two-day cybersecurity capacity building workshop in Singapore, focusing on the principles of building security in the use of ICT in the national context. More than 30 senior officials representing ASEAN, Australia, China, Korea, Russia, Timor Leste and the United States attended the workshop. Cybersecurity experts from the Organisation of American States (OAS) were engaged to introduce cybersecurity concepts, theories, and strategies to participants. The workshop provided an overview of current trends regarding cybersecurity threats along with the approach to developing a holistic cybersecurity strategy. The workshop concluded with a simulation exercise which required participants to work in groups on strategic responses to a sophisticated cyber-attack scenario. Officials from ASEAN Member States proactively participated in the exercise and presented their group work. Participants generally felt that the two-day workshop broadened their perspectives, and the group discussions provided significant insights into different national cybersecurity strategies. We also received feedback from participants that it will be useful to include more ASEAN perspectives and sharing on developing ICTs security principles. At the end of the two-day workshop, participants noted that advancing capabilities and strengthening international cybersecurity cooperation will help in better managing sophisticated cyber threats and attacks.

