IGF 2019
Best Practice Forum Cybersecurity

Virtual meeting 25 September 2019
Meeting report

Introduction

1. The IGF2019 Best Practice Forum Cybersecurity had its third Virtual meeting on Wednesday 25 September 2019, 15:00 UTC, to review the input received on the call for contributions, discuss next steps and kick off preparations for the BPF workshop at the IGF's annual meeting in Berlin (25-29 November).

Review call for contributions

2. The BPF received 5 contributions by the Sept 20 deadline. They will be reflected in the draft BPF report published ahead of the meeting. The BPF will continue to accept contributions on a rolling basis. Contributions received after Sept 20 will be posted on the BPF webpage, serve as input for the Berlin workshop and will be incorporated in the final BPF output published after the IGF meeting.

3. The BPF draft report will be circulated to the BPF mailing list for feedback (Oct 8) before it is published on the IGF website. The final BPF report published after the IGF meeting will incorporate the feedback on the draft report and reflect the discussions at the BPF workshop.

4. The call participants received a high-level summary of the contributions. The BPF hopes to receive additional contributions in the coming weeks. However, it was also noted that, by early November, announcements are expected on the next stages of work for the Paris Call and GCSC. It seems unlikely that coordinators of these initiatives will contribute to the BPF before their announcement, but efforts will be made to reflect any such developments in the final report.

Workstream on legal frameworks

5. The BPF's second workstream works on identifying the applicability of international law and how that applies in cyberspace. The workstream investigates legal agreements applicable within a specific region and explores to what degree they reflect international law. A first

analysis is included in the BPF's Research and Background paper. In the coming weeks, the workstream will focus on the relation between agreements and international law, including whether they are binding; not binding but tied to international law; or not binding but influenced by international law.

BPF output report

6. The BPF will publish a draft output report ahead of the IGF meeting. The report will reflect the BPF discussions and contributions. There was broad support for the suggestion to elaborate the current Research and Background paper with examples and input from the contributions and turn it into one coherent report that covers the background research and call for contributions. Also, the output of the workstream on legal frameworks will feed into the output report.

7. It was noted that several governments and organisations have published position papers on the two UN dialogues and other cybersecurity agreements. Such documents may contain useful insights and indirect answers to questions in the BPF call for contributions, for example on how the organisation or government intends to pursue the commitments in the agreement. BPF participants who are aware of such papers are invited to share them with the BPF.

BPF workshop at IGF2019

8. The BPF session at the IGF2019 in Berlin is scheduled for Wednesday Nov 28, 15:00-16:30 local time (UTC+1). The BPF had a first brainstorming on content and potential panellists for the session, and on how the outcome of the session could be better reflected in the final output document.

AoB

9. The BPF Coordinating team, IGF Secretariat and UN DESA colleagues are exploring opportunities to present the BPF work to the discussions of the UN OEWG and GGE process. It was noted that the intersessional meeting of the OEWG in December will be dedicated to civil society, industry and non-governmental stakeholder input, but might come too early for the final BPF output to be ready. The next OEWG meeting is in February 2020.

10. AoB raised during the call or in the chat:
    - "Joint Statement on Advancing Responsible State Behavior in Cyberspace", 23 September 2019: https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-advancing-responsible-state-behavior-in-cyberspace/
    - "Estonia Speaks out on Key Rules for Cyberspace", 10 June 2019: https://www.justsecurity.org/64490/estonia-speaks-out-on-key-rules-for-cyberspace/
    - "France's Major Statement in International Law and Cyber: An Assessment", 16 September 2019: https://www.justsecurity.org/66194/frances-major-statement-on-international-law-and-cyber-an-assessment/
    - Suggestion to invite an IETF representative to talk about IETF's Best Current Practice documents.

Meeting Agenda

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Call for contributions
3. Update workstream legal frameworks
4. BPF session @IGF2019
5. AoB/Links

Meeting Recording

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Links

IGF website: https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/
BPF Cybersecurity webpage: https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/bpf-cybersecurity