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Agenda 5: Assessment of ICT capacity building needs in Asia and the Pacific

U.S.A. - Country statement

The United States welcomes the report, which identifies substantial demand for capacity building on a number of diverse and interrelated topics.

- The United States would like to highlight on the critical importance of 5G technology.
- 5G security can only be addressed effectively through a truly global approach. The United States is committed to engaging on this topic with all of our allies and partners to promote open, interoperable, reliable, trustworthy, and secure information and communications technology infrastructure.
- This will enable not only our collective response and recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic but will also facilitate efforts to meet the security challenges of the future. The secure development and deployment of 5G infrastructure in all economies – whether developed or developing - is of critical concern to the United States.
- Advances in network technology and network virtualization allow for the adoption of greater open and interoperable approaches, including Open RAN. This approach allows greater flexibility across networks and helps drive down costs, benefitting the end user. It also opens market opportunities for a variety of suppliers that can drive greater innovation across the ecosystem.
- The United States also recognizes the importance of cybersecurity training. Fostering a culture of cybersecurity awareness is vital to developing a vibrant e-commerce ecosystem. We believe that helping to educate regional public and policy makers about the relationship between cybersecurity and economic development is worth consideration in APCICT programming.