



Country: Saudi Arabia

Agenda Item: The Growing Threat To Cybersecurity

Honorable chair, fellow delegates and most esteemed guests, As the delegate of Saudi Arabia, we are honoured to take part in this prestigious conference,

Saudi Arabia is the biggest Middle Eastern country with 36 million population. It has very strategic location on political landscape and it is one of the world's most-attacked countries by cyber threat actors. They become a major target due to increased economic activity, digital transformation, high rate of technology adoption and rise of the oil and gas industry. The losses Saudi Arabia and other gulf countries suffered from cyberattacks are among the highest globally

Scientific innovations and unprecedented technologies we live in bring us huge benefits but at the same time increasing the risks of cybersecurity and information flow. Cyber crime has quickly become a top-level security priority across the globe as these cyber attacks have a huge impact on economy which can severely drag down economic growth This requires us to address these challenges as soon as possible to avoid them turning into economic and social crises .A weak cybersecurity has far-reaching effects beyond disrupting more than a weak borderline in some cases. That's why it's very important that UNSC addresses this potential threat.

Saudi Arabia became [second](#) in the global ranking of the countries' commitment to cybersecurity. It is the country with [22,5 million cyberattacks](#) per year so they had to introduce numerous cybersecurity programs, training, and education resources. Also they have strong sponsorship by the National Cybersecurity Authority. They continuously invest in advanced technologies, fostering public-private collaboration and building a skilled cybersecurity workforce for Saudi youth to "leverage flexible education pathways and certifications" to enter the cybersecurity field, which will benefit the Kingdom's digital security in the future. To this end, the Saudi government is investing heavily in initiatives to enhance digital skills, including a \$1.2 billion plan to train 100,000 youths in fields like cybersecurity.

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