

**Statement of Intent Regarding Cooperation on Cybersecurity
and Cyber Incident Response**

Recognizing the importance of a safe, secure, and resilient cyber environment, the United States (U.S.) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) of the Commonwealth of Australia, intend to enhance cooperation on cybersecurity.

Noting ongoing bilateral engagement and mutual participation in multilateral and international fora, we seek to deepen cooperation to advance mutual interests in the area of cybersecurity, and achieve efficiencies in our cybersecurity efforts. Through this Statement of Intent, we intend to pursue these objectives by:


- Enhancing situational awareness and information sharing on operational cybersecurity issues between, and among, national cyber incident response teams;
- Enhancing crisis coordination and related escalation processes for cyber events;
- Collaborating and exchanging cybersecurity best practices for information technology and industrial control systems;
- Sharing control systems security training and education opportunities;
- Cooperating with, and supporting the advancement of, international cybersecurity efforts in multilateral fora;
- Exchanging best practices on private sector outreach and engagement; and
- Collaborating and sharing information on cyber exercises, to include participation in the Cyber Storm series.

This statement of intent reaffirms and builds upon our commitment to securing our domestic cyberspace. It reflects our mutual stake and convergent interests in augmenting cyber incident response capabilities, and our shared commitment to meet emerging cybersecurity challenges. In keeping with this statement, and in pursuit of the objectives stated above, we intend to develop a prioritized work program for cybersecurity cooperation, according to terms mutually determined in writing, and review implementation of the work program on an annual basis.

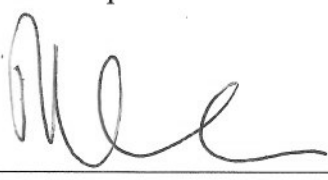
Signed in Washington, D.C., on the 15th day of May, 2012.

For the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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