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Cyber Champions Summit: A Vision for the Future

1. National cyber policy coordinators, senior officials, Ambassadors and industry representatives from NATO Allies and Indo-Pacific countries met in Sydney, Australia, on 4 September 2024 under the banner of the 2024 Cyber Champions Summit: 'a bridge between the Transatlantic and Indo-Pacific'. Together they discussed the most pressing cyber defence and security challenges today, measures to coordinate responses to protect systems of national significance and affirmed the importance of deepening dialogue between NATO Allies and Indo-Pacific countries to tackle cross-regional challenges and enhance practical cooperation on cyber defence and cyber security.

Cyber Champions Summit: a flagship event

2. NATO Allies and Indo-Pacific Partners (IP4) share the common goal of working together to strengthen the rules-based international order and protect our shared values. Like-minded partners in the Indo-Pacific contribute unique perspectives to NATO policy discussions on common security challenges, including cyber defence and cyber security.

3. The annual Cyber Champions Summit, established by Lithuania in 2023, is a unique event for countries to share experiences and strengthen ties in developing joint projects in the field of cyber defence and cyber security and responding to malicious cyber actors. The Summit also enables public and private sector representatives to discover new opportunities for cooperation to protect critical infrastructure more effectively and to accelerate the development of innovative solutions to increase our cyber resilience.

4. Various state and non-state actors are increasingly exploiting cyberspace to target our critical infrastructure and democratic institutions. To tackle this cross-cutting challenge, Summit participants, as a unique grouping, will continue to increase collaboration to connect NATO Allies, IP4 and beyond to achieve a safer and more secure cyberspace for all.

5. Operating on voluntary principles, Cyber Champions Summit participants, as a grouping, will look to utilise and support existing NATO+IP4 lines of effort and leverage existing NATO+IP4 exercises to collectively achieve three strategic priorities:

- Foster cooperative cyber security efforts by working together and sharing information to address shared cyber security concerns.
- Contribute to the protection of national critical infrastructure against malicious activities by state and non-state actors.
- Counter cyber threats related to disinformation for protection of democratic principles and institutions.

6. Cyber Champions Summit participants will endeavour to enhance government-to-government cyber defence collaboration, including through threat assessments, cyber capacity building, and joint activities where appropriate.

7. Following the inaugural Summit in Vilnius in 2023, and the second Summit in Sydney in 2024, the 2025 Cyber Champions Summit will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea.