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**U.S. AND RUSSIAN DELEGATIONS MEET
TO DISCUSS CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN CYBERSPACE**

On June 21-23, representatives from the Russian Federation and United States met in Washington to continue discussions of confidence-building measures, with the goal of preventing misunderstanding and inadvertent escalation of cybersecurity incidents. Cooperation between the Parties on enhancing security in cyberspace has reached a promising new level, which allows for practical development of confidence-building mechanisms and promotes transparency of government activities in this field.

The working group, called for by the high-level cybersecurity bilateral in Moscow in February 2011, focused on implementing the proposals from that last meeting, including: the exchange of military views on cyberspace operations; implementing regular information exchange between both nations' Computer Emergency Response/Readiness Teams (CERTs); and establishing protocols to communicate about cybersecurity issues via our existing and highly successful risk reduction/crisis prevention communications links between capitals.

While deepening mutual understanding on national security issues in cyberspace, these measures will help our two governments better communicate about small- and large-scale threats to our networks, facilitate better collaboration in responding to those threats, and reduce the prospect of escalation in response to crisis incidents. Both sides resolved to complete these three steps, exchanging papers and establishing the operational relationships, by year's end, and further pursue dialogue to enhance understanding of national security in cyberspace.