FIRST TF on Regional Initiatives

status update on the established task-force

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Various initiatives going on

- TF-CSIRT
- AP CERTF
- Latin American initiatives
- ....
Co-ordination of initiatives

- Motion passed at FIRST AGM 2002 to establish a Task Force
- Aim: to find out what is going on, and in what way FIRST can be of help

Therefore:
- Open group, all who are interested are welcome to join
- Non-steered discussion based on a kick-off paper that poses open questions
Main threads in kick-off document

- Real-time operational issues
- Sharing information
- Critical infrastructure and cyberdefense
- Policy making and strategic planning
- Facilitating bilateral contacts
- Trust management
Modus operandi

- Mailing list first-regions@first.org
- Meeting at TC Chicago (8 October 2002)
- Meeting at TC Europe (11 February 2003)
- Teleconferences and additional meetings as required
- Advice and conclusions to be drafted by Q1/2003
- Up to the SC’s discretion to initiate further actions: perhaps at AGM 2003 (Ottawa)
Progress so far

- Kick-off document was launched
- Shared with TF-CSIRT
- Meeting in TC / Chicago, 8 October 2002
- Meeting attended by 10.5 people
- Meeting report circulated on TF-CSIRT list
Meeting 8 October 2002 (TC Chicago)

• Relatively well attended
  – Asian/Pacific (2)
  – Latin America (1)
  – North America (3.5)
  – Europe (4)
• Many different views
• Lots of discussion along 6 ‘threads’
• Also – lots of general remarks
Meeting 8 October 2002 (cont’d.)

- General remarks:
  - Does FIRST play a role?
  - Is it a leading role?
  - What is a team’s incentive for joining FIRST?
  - Does FIRST need SIGs?

- No clear ideas (yet) on these items;
- Answers may follow from developments on the particular threads
Meeting 8 October 2002 (cont’d.)

- Thread 1 – Operational Issues:
  - Neighbouring teams already develop co-operation:
    - same timezone
    - similar jurisdictions
    - similar economies

- FIRST is not very active in this; they may become more visible in this respect
Meeting 8 October 2002 (cont’d.)

• Thread 2 – Information Sharing:
  – General info (yes) and specific info (no) differ
  – Multi-level trust needed, but not provided by FIRST
  – Lack of guidelines hinders dissemination

• FIRST may be an enabler for information sharing
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• Thread 3 – CIP and Cyberdefense:
  – Intuitive approach: CIP usually involves a link with government strategic institutions, therefore:
  – No role for FIRST – it should keep out of the risky field of politics

• On second thought – FIRST could give guidelines and advice
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- Thread 4 – Policy Making & Strategics:
  - Usually, this is a result from activities developed under thread (1) – Operational Issues

- Therefore: (1) and (4) can be seen as one thread
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• Thread 5 – Bilateral Contacts:
  – They emerge on a per-case basis, where needed, and fit in existing frameworks of operational co-operation, therefore:

• FIRST’s involvement is not needed
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• Thread 6 – Trust Management:
  – Once the notion of trust is well defined, FIRST could act as a trust broker
  – Most certainly: FIRST ‘member’ status only is not distinctive enough – a layered model is required
  – TI model attracts lot of interest from other regions

• FIRST has a potentially important role in this respect
Further Developments

- Immediately after the meeting: some active exchange of ideas
- Later (2 weeks): silence ruled
- TC Uppsala, 11 February 2003, a next meeting is planned
- Chair of the meeting – still unknown
- In any case: report back to FIRST SC by March 2003