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Singapore and The Netherlands to Strengthen Cyber Security Cooperation

MOU to also focus on securing critical information infrastructures

12 July 2016 – The Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA) and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) of The Netherlands today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cybersecurity cooperation to formalise their commitment to work together to foster a secure cyber space.

2 The MOU was signed by Mr David Koh, Chief Executive, CSA, and Deputy Director-General Mrs Patricia Zorko, Deputy National Coordinator of Security and Counterterrorism and Head of the NCSC. The signing ceremony took place at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre at the fringe of the Cyber Resilient Nation Seminar 2016.

3 The agreement commits both parties to regular bilateral exchanges, sharing of cyber security best practices and strategies aimed at protecting critical information infrastructures as well as access to training and workshops.

4 Mr David Koh said, “The Netherlands and Singapore share close ties and our countries are important hubs in areas such as maritime, aviation, telecommunications, banking and finance. A successful cyber-attack on any of these critical information infrastructures could have a knock-on effect on other critical infrastructures within the region and even globally. It is therefore important for us to collaborate to enhance the security and resilience of our cyberspace.”

5 Mrs Zorko said: “We must look beyond our national borders in order to achieve (global) cyber security and therefore a close international cooperation is essential. Singapore and The Netherlands are in distance far apart, yet very similar: we are both highly connected and worldwide front runners in the field of cyber security and innovation. Both our countries are also important digital mainports in our regions: the Netherlands in Europe and Singapore in Southeast Asia. We both want to make full use of the opportunities of digital world and at the same time need to guard ourselves to its potential threats. This MOU paves the way for strengthening the cooperation between our countries in the field of cyber security.”

6 The MOU will last for an initial period of two years.

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About the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore

The Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA) provides dedicated and centralised oversight of national cyber security functions, and works with sector leads to protect Singapore's critical services. It also engages with various industries, and stakeholders to heighten cyber security awareness as well as to ensure the holistic development of Singapore's cyber security landscape. The Agency reports to the Prime Minister's Office and is managed by the Ministry of Communications and Information. Information on CSA is available at www.csa.gov.sg.

About the National Cyber Security Centre Netherlands

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is the central information hub and centre of expertise for cyber security in the Netherlands. NCSC's mission is to contribute to the enhancement of the resilience of Dutch society in the digital domain, and thus to create a secure, open and stable information society. On an international level the NCSC is the Dutch point of contact in the field of ICT threats and cyber security incidents. The NCSC is also a key figure in the operational coordination at a major ICT crisis and the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the Dutch central government. Information on NCSC is available at www.ncsc.nl.

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