Topic: Cybersecurity (Crisis Committee)

Role: Microsoft Corporation

Today, the average internet user spends roughly seven hours a day online. The internet has become an increasingly normalized and important aspect of our lives. With this reality comes an added responsibility to promote and improve cybersecurity to create a safer and more secure global community. The recent hacking of Facebook further illustrates the importance of protecting safety and personal information. Corporations and industries are also at serious risk of cyber attacks. Even the smallest breach can pose massive consequences, and it is crucial that the committee takes steps to protect the global community in the modern world. Filling cybersecurity jobs is also a key concern, as an expected 3.5 million openings will be created in this field by 2025. As a key player in the software and hardware industry, Microsoft understands the importance of such action and looks forward to catalyzing positive change.

While Microsoft has dominated its market for decades, its success has also led to increased viruses and hacker attacks. Compared to competitors in our industry, Microsoft has been noticeably more susceptible to cyber attacks, making this issue additionally pressing from our standpoint. As a result, we have already taken major action in combating global cyber threats. In August 2021 we announced the investment of $20 billion over the next 5 years to the advancement of cybersecurity. Two months later we set the goal of filling 250,000 cybersecurity jobs in America by 2025, an important effort in an area with a severe lack of trained professionals. The effort has more recently been expanded to 23 countries at increased risk for cyber threats. More recently, in February of this year, our company introduced a program known as the Modern Log Management Program, which allows customers to gain additional knowledge

about activity on their networks. Microsoft looks forward to continuing these efforts and taking a leading role in the push for a safer online world.

In today's interconnected world, cyberattacks and viruses can impact companies and nations across the planet. As a result, we must take a cooperative and international approach to addressing such threats. One move worth considering is establishing a convention or summit that centers around protecting corporations from cyberthreats. Establishing a legal system to penalize cyberattacks and violations is another must for the international community. But perhaps most importantly, the committee must find means of filling cybersecurity-jobs and providing proper training. Globalizing such efforts is another key step. With this being said, Microsoft looks forward to working with the committee and continuing to design a safer digital world.