Written Exercise: Threats Assessment

SUMMARY:
This exercise uses a written questionnaire to help participants assess the security of various aspects of their lives, including safety at home, at the office, in social environments, in their communications and documentation, safety of their family and friends, during travel and in relation to state structures. It can be used either as an exercise in the workshop, or can be a handout to take back home.

KEY EXPLANATION POINTS:
• Ask participants to fill out the written exercise, below, either alone or in pairs.
• Once the exercise is completed, facilitators can use it as a framework for a group discussion, asking questions about which sections surprised them, were difficult or unusual.

FACILITATION NOTES:
• This exercise can be very useful for more ‘analytical’ groups who prefer to work with written material.
• Facilitators should make sure to circulate among participants as they work on the written exercise to offer support.
• For groups that might find this exercise challenging, set up the work in pairs or triads.

Alternative option:
This exercise is also a good handout for participants to take back to colleagues and their organisation, as it offers a useful and detailed checklist of security threat considerations.