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**Algorithm 1** Ghost Backdoor based on Neuron Select

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**Input:** central server  $C_s$ , a set of all client  $C$ , end epoch  $E_e$ , current client  $C_i$ , learning rate  $\eta$ , dataset  $D$ , mask matrix  $R_{mask}^{r \times d}$ , ghost neurons' values matrix  $R_{V_s}^{r \times d}$

**Output:** a global model with high accuracy, stealth backdoor and high accuracy in main-task

- 1:  $C_s$  select  $n$  clients by random into  $C_m$
  - 2:  $C_s$  build a global model  $G$
  - 3:  $C_s$  send  $G$  to each client in  $C_m$
  - 4: choose the ghost neurons
  - 5: pre-train with benign samples to collect the values of every neurons
  - 6: choose  $V_s$  as trigger
  - 7: **for** epoch  $< E_e$  **do**
  - 8:     **for** number  $k$  of client in  $C_m$  **do**
  - 9:         Download  $G$  as local model  $L$  and train  $L$  by benign datasets  $D$ ,
  - 10:         Compute gradient by  $D$  on batch  $B_i$  of size  $\ell$
  - 11:          $g_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta_{C_i}, D)$
  - 12:         **if** client  $C_i$  is advisory **and** epoch mod  $N_{attack} = 0$  **then**
  - 13:              $\hat{g}_i = g_i * R_{mask}^{r \times d} + R_{V_s}^{r \times d}$
  - 14:             Update  $\theta_{C_{i+1}} = \theta_{C_i} - \eta \hat{g}_i$
  - 15:         **else**
  - 16:             Update  $\theta_{C_{i+1}} = \theta_{C_i} - \eta g_i$
  - 17:         Upload  $\theta_{C_{i+1}}$  to  $C_s$
  - 18:          $C_s$  recieve  $\sum_1^k \theta_{C_{i+k}}$  and generate update gradient  $U$  for  $G$
  - 19:      $G_{i+1} = G_i - U_i$
  - 20:
  - 21: **return** Final global model  $G$  with backdoor
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