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Mr. Chair,

In recent years, Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have undergone substantial evolution, offering opportunities for, *inter alia*, economic development, expanded connectivity, and progress in healthcare, education, and social services.

With the advancement of ICTs, cyber threats have become more sophisticated, and their impacts have expanded, transcending national borders. The persistent escalation of incidents involving the malicious use of ICTs, especially those impacting critical and essential information infrastructures, undermines trust and confidence, and may potentially result in cascading effects at national, regional, and international levels.

Mr. Chair, Azerbaijan has consistently supported the work of the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG), which constitutes the first inclusive platform within the United Nations, featuring the participation of all Member States and operating on a consensus basis. We welcome the adoption by consensus of the Final Report of the OEWG, concluding its mandate this year.

At the national level, Azerbaijan has taken legislative, policy, and practical measures to strengthen its cybersecurity framework, thereby protecting the State, private networks, critical information infrastructure, and personal data.

Furthermore, in order to accelerate the development of artificial intelligence (AI), Azerbaijan has implemented its National AI Strategy for 2025–2028, with the objective of fostering scientific research within the domain, enhancing AI-related technologies and management systems, and fortifying infrastructure.

Mr. Chair, Azerbaijan commends the efforts aimed at maintaining and fostering an open, secure, stable, accessible, peaceful, and interoperable environment for information and communications technology. We are confident that a secure and trusted cyberspace is essential for all States to achieve sustainable development goals and improve living standards.

Thank you.