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Thank you, Madame Chair,

1. The Philippines aligns itself with the statements on behalf of ASEAN and on behalf of NAM.
2. Our delegation welcomes and supports the consensus adoption of the Final Report of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on security of and in the use of ICTs for 2021-2025, and commends Singapore's leadership in this regard. The development and responsible behavior of states in cyberspace are highly critical to ensure stability and security in the ICT domain. Such is especially important for developing countries like the Philippines.
3. The progress achieved by the OEWG is critical to the establishment of the Global Mechanism and to strengthening ICT security, which continues to be threatened by malicious use that has become sophisticated as technology advances. The Philippines deplores the malicious use of ICTs, which violates international law and calls for collective efforts to safeguard cyberspace and promote its peaceful use.

Madame Chair,

4. The Philippines appreciates and fully supports efforts to ensure the responsible application of artificial intelligence in the military domain, in particular, ensuring that AI use in the military adopts an approach that puts primacy on human control, with accountability and compliance with international law, specifically International Humanitarian Law, as major considerations in their use.
5. Additionally, the Philippines supports NAM's resolution linking disarmament with development, advocating for reduced military spending to fund economic and social progress, especially in developing nations. We also join NAM's resolution on environmental norms in disarmament, stressing the connection between environmental protection and global security. Additionally, the Philippines highlights the importance of multilateralism in disarmament and non-proliferation, promoting transparent negotiations and cooperation to ensure global peace and security.

Madame Chair,

6. In closing, the Philippines underscores the urgency and significance of addressing emerging technologies, such as ICTs and AI, within the context of international peace and security. The pervasiveness and rapid evolution of these technologies present both opportunities and challenges, affecting not only our daily lives but also our domestic, regional, and global security environments. It is imperative that the United Nations and the international community remain agile and proactive in keeping pace with these developments. Through enhanced multilateral cooperation, transparency, and inclusive dialogue, we can ensure that technological advancements are harnessed responsibly, for the benefit of all nations, and in alignment with our shared goals of peace, stability, and sustainable development.

Thank you, Madame Chair.