

**Pakistan's Views on the Resolution "Programme of Action (PoA) to Advance Responsible State Behavior in the use of Information & Communication Technologies in the Context of International Security"**

Pakistan maintains a consistent and clear position on the topic of regular institutional dialogue including the PoA. We propose that the key principles that should be considered in the formulation of future platforms for discussions on ICTs must include inclusivity, transparency, consensus-driven decision-making, multi-stakeholder participation, global collaboration, and sustainability. Pakistan believes that the future institutional dialogue must also include in its mandate the topics of capacity building, norms building, and the application of international law in cyberspace including discussion on the formulation of a legally-binding instrument to regulate the behaviors of States in cyberspace. Furthermore, we hold the view that such dialogue should take place under the auspices of the UN.

It is essential to emphasize here that at this stage there is no need to create any parallel structure to the existing Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG). Pakistan firmly believes that the existing OEWG is the most appropriate forum for all discussions related to the ToRs and mandate areas of any future platform, including the PoA.

Pakistan's decision to abstain from the resolution on PoA is driven by our belief that any mechanism or structure created after the existing OEWG in 2025 must be built on a sustainable foundation and developed through a consensual process. Therefore, the existing OEWG provides an ideal platform for such discussion. Therefore, we advocate for a collaborative and all-inclusive approach for the PoA, which would ensure its effectiveness and long-term sustainability.

In addition to this, we would like to inform about the submission of a paper which sheds light, in detail, on Pakistan's position on the application of international law in cyberspace including other aspects of global cybersecurity. The paper may be accessed at [https://docs-library.unoda.org/Open-Ended Working Group on Information and Communication Technologies - \(2021\)/UNODA.pdf](https://docs-library.unoda.org/Open-Ended Working Group on Information and Communication Technologies - (2021)/UNODA.pdf).

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