

Romania's submission to the Secretary General report on PoA

- In line with the previous work regarding the establishment of a “regular institutional dialogue” to address issues related to the use of ICTs in the context of international security, the establishment of a Programme of action would provide First Committee with a permanent and institutional mechanism to follow-up on the implementation of agreed norms, by providing sets of actionable recommendations and supporting or promoting relevant capacity-building projects. In the view of Romania, such a permanent, inclusive and action-oriented mechanism is urgently needed.
- The scope of the PoA should be related to the use of ICTs in the context of international security. PoA's objective should be to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security, by preserving an open, stable, secure accessible and peaceful ICT environment, in full alignment with the aquis of responsible State behaviour in cyberspace.
- PoA could particularly aim to strengthen cooperation, advance stability in cyberspace and increase resilience. In this respect, reducing tensions, preventing conflicts and promoting a cooperative approach to the cyber threats, supporting the implementation of the framework for responsible State behaviour based on international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights, norms of responsible State behaviour, confidence-building measures and capacity-building are but a few of the objectives to be achieved through the inclusive dialogue among States and with the relevant stakeholders.
- At the basis of the political document of the PoA should be the reaffirmation by States of the commitment to the framework for responsible State behaviour, the establishment of a permanent institutional mechanism to advance the implementation of this framework and fostering the multistakeholder involvement as appropriate.
- In line with the recommendations of the 2019-2021 OEWG and 2029-2021 GGE reports regarding the elaboration of the PoA including at the 2021-2025 OEWG process, as well as in line with the UNGA Resolution 77/37 provisions regarding the UNSG report on PoA, intersessional meetings and dedicated sessions of the OEWG should be organized in 2024 and 2025 to continue elaborating the different aspects of the PoA.
- Romania is of the view that, in line with the option noted in UNGA Resolution 77/37, a conference for the establishment of the PoA should be called at the earliest convenience.