

Singapore attaches great importance to the consensus language adopted thus far on the Programme of Action proposal (PoA). These consensus decisions are a good basis for further consideration of the PoA. In this regard, the following elements from previous consensus reports of the OEWG remain important:

- “States note a variety of proposals for advancing responsible State behaviour in ICTs, which would, *inter alia*, support the capacities of States in implementing commitments in their use of ICTs, in particular the Programme of Action. In considering these proposals, the concerns and interests of all States should be taken into account through equal State participation at the United Nations. In this regard, the Programme of Action should be further elaborated including at the Open-Ended Working Group process established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240.”¹
- “States, at the fourth and fifth sessions of the OEWG, to continue to engage in focused discussions within the framework of the OEWG to further elaborate the PoA with a view towards its possible establishment as a mechanism to advance responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs, which would, *inter alia*, support the capacities of States in implementing commitments in their use of ICTs. At these sessions, States will also engage in focused discussions, on the relationship between the PoA and the OEWG, and on the scope, content and structure of a PoA.”²

As Member States engage in focused discussions within the framework of the OEWG to further elaborate the PoA, in the context of discussion on the future mechanism for regular institutional dialogue, Singapore is of the view that it is essential for this mechanism to be universal, inclusive, transparent, consensus-based, action-oriented, and single-track in nature. The basic principles that should govern its scope, structure and content are as follows:

- Established and operated exclusively on the basis of consensus, in order to preserve the fragile and hard-won consensus achieved by the international community over the course of successive previous GGEs and OEWGs;
- Motivated by a vision of building upon the foundation provided by the work of successive previous GGEs and OEWGs;

¹ 2021 Final Report of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security

² 2022 First Annual Progress Report of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on Security of and in the Use of ICTs 2021-2025

- Aimed at strengthening the cumulative and evolving framework for responsible State behavior in the use of ICTs, and of reinforcing the spirit of consensus underpinning this framework.

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