Information of Ukraine in connection with UN General Assembly's resolution 77/37 "Programme of action to advance responsible State behaviour in the use of information and communications technologies in the context of international security" adopted on 7 December 2022

The development of joint and concrete measures to counter threats related to the use of information and communication technologies (hereinafter - ICT) will contribute to responsible State behavior in cyberspace.

The maintenance of international peace, security, cooperation and trust in the ICT environment is of utmost importance, especially in the context when a number of States are developing ICT capabilities for military purposes, and the number of incidents related to the malicious use of ICTs by State and non-State actors continues to grow.

The Program of Action (hereinafter - the PoA) should address the challenges and threats related to the increase of malicious activity in the field of the use of ICTs, which affects critical information infrastructure, infrastructure that provides basic services to the population, technical infrastructure necessary to ensure general availability or the integrity of the Internet, as well as the health care sector.

Any duplication of activities, projects and initiatives in the context of the implementation of the PoA with those that are being implemented within the framework of the OSCE Working Group on Confidence Building in the Use of ICTs should be avoided.

Ukraine supported the consensual adoption of the report A/77/275 to further elaborate the PoA, including within the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 (hereinafter - OEWG) process.

The PoA may decide to convene one or two meetings of States per year, while the review conference can be held every 4-5 years. The PoA may hold intersessional meetings and establish working groups to focus on specific agenda items.

The international conference on the establishment of the PoA may be convened in 2025 after the expiry of the mandate of the OEWG.

The PoA may envisage the possibility to present reports on national efforts on the implementation of rules, norms and principles, as well as convening regular meetings at the working level to focus on the implementation of such rules, norms and principles.

The PoA may discuss the importance of cooperation between Member States in the field of the security of the use of ICTs, including the establishment of platforms for the exchange of information on vulnerabilities and undocumented software functions, attack patterns, as well as the results of the evaluation of software and libraries security to prevent supply chain attacks.

The PoA may envisage the procedure for the submission of requests for the international assistance. The relevant mechanism exists within the UN Program of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.