

## 6 December – Threats and norms

### Threats

- Important part of the mandate, sets the stage for the rest of the topics. Other topics hopefully provide solutions to the Threats that we identify in this section.
- Canada is concerned with 4 main cyber related threats that we could discuss further in 2023 and perhaps include in next year's APR:
  - Ransomware
  - Cyber-related threats to CI and CII
  - Disruptive tech: machine learning, quantum

### Norms

- This is one of the most important topics for Canada.
- Framework based on 3 main pillars: law, norms, CBMs.
- We talked about CBMs yesterday, we will talk about int'l law this afternoon.
- Norms is the third pillar. Important to guide State activity below the bar for use of force.
- Chair, in your guided questions, you asked: *Are there any suggestions for updates or further elaboration to the norms?*
- In Canada's view, there is no need for new norms. Current norms and law enough to guide state behaviour.

- Chair, you also asked *whether additional guidance could be provided on the norms*.
- My answer to that question is yes! Indeed, many States have said the norms are too pie in the sky, guidance / explanation needed, as well as examples of things States can do to implement them.
- Canada's work on norms guidance text: last OEWG. Got support of 40 States.
- 2021 GGE report included norms guidance text. We think we can build on this text, add to it.
- Plans this OEWG: updating 2021 OEWG text, getting ideas from key stakeholders and States of new issues to address in it. Having bilateral and small group chats with some of you here this week. If any of you have ideas, please come and see my team or I. Aiming to table text in 2023.
- Look forward to continuing this conversation with all States next year, so that we can add layers of understanding to the existing agreed norms and promote their implementation.
- Finally chair, you asked in your guided questions *What are some of the basic capacities required to implement the framework for responsible State behaviour?*
- This is an important question and one that you recommended that my team and I consider as we go about updating our previous norms guidance text.
- We are doing just that as we begin the work of updating the text along with stakeholders and states.

- We are looking at the guidance on each norm and how we can incorporate guidance on capacity building to help States who have the will but perhaps not the ability to implement each norm.
- We are also interested in funding new cyber capacity building projects that would help States implement the norms. For our stakeholder friends listening to this speech on UNTV, please contact Arthur and I if you have any cyber capacity building projects that would help States implement the norms.
- This brings me to my final point on the key role of stakeholders on the implementation of norms and on developing norms guidance text in particular.
- As I mentioned a moment ago, an informal advisory group of key stakeholders is giving us great new ideas to include in the norms guidance text. I want to thank the individuals and organizations that have contributed already to this ongoing work. I will highlight their specific contributions once the text is ready to table.
- In terms of next steps, we will run our draft text by a larger group of stakeholders after we have consulted internally and with states on the text.
- This is a true model of multistakeholder collaboration. Regardless of the stakeholder modalities adopted by this group, and the unfortunate veto of some organizations, every State is free to consult stakeholders as it sees fit on its text proposals.

- At the last OEWG, Canada consulted stakeholders on our major text proposals. We are doing it again at this OEWG
- We are doing it even better this time, by consulting key stakeholders at the very beginning of the drafting process and consulting a larger group at the end.
- Doing this ensures that we capture all the good ideas that stakeholders have on this issue. It will also ensure their buy in when it comes to them doing their part to implement the text, once it hopefully gets endorsed unanimously by all States.
- We urge all States to consider doing the same when developing their own papers and text proposals.
- Thank you.