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Dear colleagues,

I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

Ahead of the sixth substantive of the OEWG taking place from 11 to 15 December 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York (UNHQ), I am pleased to invite interested stakeholders, including businesses, non-governmental organizations and academia, to an **informal dialogue on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 from 09:00-12:00pm EST (New York local time) via Microsoft Teams**. The connection link will be conveyed to registered participants in due course.

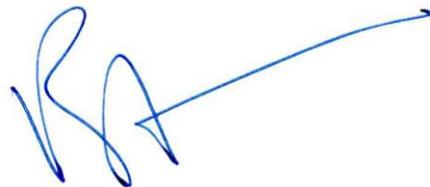
As we pass the halfway point of the OEWG, I would like to thank stakeholders for your active participation in our discussions and for your valuable contributions to the process. At this stage, I want to reiterate my longstanding commitment to systematic, sustained and substantive engagement with stakeholders. I also underscore my continued determination to provide opportunities in my capacity as OEWG Chair for enhanced interaction between the stakeholder community and States.

This latest informal dialogue builds on the series of focused dialogues between States and stakeholders that I have convened over the course of the past two years. Stakeholders will recall that the OEWG adopted its second Annual Progress Report (APR) in July 2023 by consensus. **At this informal dialogue, I invite stakeholders to consider how the stakeholder community can work together with States to contribute most meaningfully and effectively to the implementation of the concrete recommendations contained in the second APR, given your unique expertise and resources.**

In order to ensure the most productive use of our meeting time, I urge all speakers to focus their interventions on the topic of the focused discussion. I would also encourage you to organize yourselves in groups or coalitions focused on supporting specific proposals or themes and that could speak as a group on your behalf.

The registration details are enclosed. I also encourage you to send any written input to cyberOEWGChair@gmail.com and prizeman@un.org, to be made available on the dedicated OEWG webpage (<https://meetings.unoda.org/open-ended-working-group-on-information-and-communication-technologies-2021>).

I look forward to a substantive and productive engagement with you.



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Chair
Open-Ended Working Group on
security of and in the use of
information and
communications technologies
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Enclosure:

- Annex A – Registration Details

REGISTRATION DETAILS

If you wish to participate in the virtual informal dialogue on 6 December 2023, **please register at the Microsoft Forms link provided below no later than 6pm (New York local time) on Friday, 1 December 2023.** Each participant should register individually at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/hVJ63yGGtr>. Confirmed participants will receive login details prior to the meeting.

Additional Information

More information on the OEWG 2021-2025 can be found on the dedicated OEWG webpage (<https://meetings.unoda.org/open-ended-working-group-on-information-and-communication-technologies-2021>).

Specific queries may be directed to Ms. Katherine Prizeman, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, prizeman@un.org.

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