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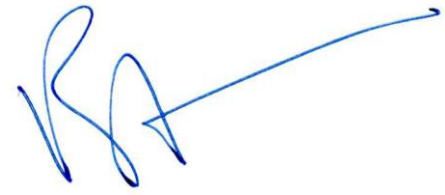
I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the seventh substantive session of the OEWG will be held from 4 to 8 March 2024 at United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ) in New York. In this regard, I am pleased to transmit to you the provisional **programme of work** for the seventh substantive session, structured in line with the agenda adopted at our organizational session (A/AC.292/2021/1) and the mandate contained in General Assembly resolution 75/240.

I also take this opportunity to invite all Heads of Delegations plus accompanying experts to an **in-person cocktail reception on Monday, 4 March 2024 at 6.30pm** at the Permanent Mission of Singapore. The cocktail reception invitation is enclosed.

Further preparatory materials for the seventh substantive session, including guiding questions, will be circulated to delegations in due course. I thank all delegations for their constructive engagement and I look forward to working closely with you and your team at the seventh substantive session.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Burhan Gafoor

Chair

Open-Ended Working Group on
security of and in the use of
information and
communications technologies
2021-2025

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Enclosures:

- Annex A – Provisional programme of work for the seventh substantive session of the OEWG
- Annex B – Invitation to an in-person cocktail reception at the Singapore Mission on Monday 4 March 2024 at 6.30pm



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Seventh substantive session

New York, 4-8 March 2024

Provisional programme of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. The seventh substantive session of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/240](#), will be held at Headquarters from 4 to 8 March 2024.
2. The provisional programme of work is contained in the annex to the present note. The annotated agenda for the session, as adopted at the organizational meeting, on 1 June 2022, is contained in document [A/AC.292/2021/1](#).
3. Additional information can be found at <https://meetings.unoda.org/open-ended-working-group-on-information-and-communication-technologies-2021>.

Annex

Provisional programme of work

Monday, 4 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Opening of the session

Opening statements

- Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu
- H.E. Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Chair of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025

Agenda item 3: organization of work

3–6 p.m.

Agenda item 5: discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240¹

Continue to study, with a view to promoting common understandings, existing and potential threats in the sphere of information security, inter alia, data security, and possible cooperative measures to prevent and counter such threats [from para. 1, GA resolution 75/240]

Tuesday, 5 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Agenda item 5: discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240 (continued)

Further develop the rules, norms and principles of responsible behaviour of States and the ways for their implementation and, if necessary, to introduce changes to them or elaborate additional rules of behaviour [from para. 1, GA resolution 75/240]

3–6 p.m.

Agenda item 5: discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240 (continued)

How international law applies to the use of information and communications technologies by States [from para. 1, GA resolution 75/240]

Wednesday, 6 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Agenda item 5: discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240 (continued)

Confidence-building measures [from para. 1, GA resolution 75/240]

3–6 p.m.

Dedicated stakeholder session (in accordance with agreed modalities for the participation of stakeholders of 22 April 2022)²

¹ States are strongly encouraged to use their interventions under each sub-item of agenda item 5 to focus on the specific topics and discussion points identified for follow-up in the working group's second annual progress report (A/78/265).

² See <https://documents.unoda.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Letter-from-OEWG-Chair-22-April-2022.pdf>.

Thursday, 7 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Agenda item 5: discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution [75/240](#) (continued)

Capacity-building [from para. 1, GA resolution [75/240](#)]

3–6 p.m.

Agenda item 5: discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution [75/240](#) (continued)

Establish, under the auspices of the United Nations, regular institutional dialogue with the broad participation of States [from para. 1, GA resolution [75/240](#)]

Friday, 8 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Agenda item 6: other matters

3–6 p.m.

Closure of the session

– Concluding remarks by the Chair



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INVITATION

On the occasion of the seventh substantive session of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025

H.E. Ambassador Burhan Gafoor,
*Chair of the OEWG and
Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations,*

has the honour to invite the

*Head of Delegation
plus accompanying experts*

*to a Reception on
Monday, 4 March 2024, at 6.30 pm
at the*

*Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations
318 East 48th Street
New York, NY 10017
(between 1st and 2nd Avenues)*

To confirm your participation, please RSVP at https://bit.ly/OEWG_4Mar24