

**Open-Ended Working Group on the security of and in the use of
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Dedicated stakeholder session

Statement by DiploFoundation

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Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates, and colleagues,

My name is Vladimir Radunovic. I represent DiploFoundation, a nonprofit educational organisation supporting small and developing countries, as well as various stakeholders in industry and civil society through capacity building in cyber diplomacy, cybersecurity and internet governance topics for over 20 years.

Mr. Chair, we would like to reflect on some elements of the ongoing discussions in the OEWG.

In terms of the **norms implementation checklist** outlined in the Second Annual Progress Report, we suggest such a checklist to map the roles and responsibilities of both state and non-state stakeholders. The [Geneva Manual](#), a most recent output of the [Geneva Dialogue on Responsible Behaviour in Cyberspace](#) established by Switzerland and led by DiploFoundation, outlines roles that the industry, technical and open source community, civil society, customers and users, play in implementing the UN norms I and J. These norms relate to the security of the ICT supply chains and responsible reporting of vulnerabilities. Our further work - through an open dialogue with over 50 representatives of stakeholders and independent experts around the world - intends to map such roles and responsibilities related to the protection of critical infrastructure. Importantly, the findings also outline mutual expectations that stakeholders have from each other, as well as from the public authorities, to be able to fulfil their roles. We invite delegates to consult the Geneva Manual (also available on the [OEWG webpage](#)), and encourage stakeholders to contribute to the Geneva Dialogue.

In terms of **capacity building**, we commend the convening of a dedicated Global Roundtable on ICT security capacity-building, and the opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute to this important dialogue. We invite delegations to involve representatives of local and regional capacity building organisations and other relevant stakeholders, whose contributions are essential for putting the principles defined by the OEWG into practice, and ensure capacity building is inclusive, holistic, and neutral. DiploFoundation has submitted its contribution to the mapping exercise and remains committed to supporting capacity building efforts, including at the upcoming Global Roundtable.

Thank you for this opportunity, Mr. Chair.

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