

**Statement by the Arab Republic of Egypt  
7<sup>th</sup> substantive session OEWG on ICT on security of and in the use of information  
and communications technologies 2021-2025**

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**Norms, Rules and Principles:**

Since its our first time to take the floor, let me join other delegations in expressing our appreciation to you Mr. Chairman, your team as well as the secretariat for all efforts to steer forward the work of this group and rest assured of our continued support and active participation to this process.

We also express our appreciation to you Mr. Chairman for sharing the draft elements papers on both the implementation check-list as well as the future regular institutional dialogue, which are still being thoroughly considered at Cairo, however let me share with you our preliminary observations in this context:

- 1- Egypt has consistently stressed the importance of moving forward from the conceptual repetitive discussions that took place over the past 25 years in this domain, towards an action oriented approach, that would allow the effective implementation of the existing agreed framework of norms, rules, principles in the use of ICT in the context of international security, such approach should not contradict or undermine the ongoing or future discussions on further development of the existing agreed framework.
- 2- The proposed Check-list should be simplified and rationalized as it includes duplicative measures, as well as technical and detailed actions in particular at the national level, that might go beyond states' capabilities, subsequently it

would require adequate time for its consideration and coordination at the national level.

- 3- Moreover, we believe that such check list could represent a concrete step towards the full and effective implementation of the existing agreed framework, pending the elaboration of existing framework and binding rules as appropriate, however it should represent a non-exhaustive list of implementation measures that could be further developed over time, in line with the evolving nature of the ICT domain.
- 4- Furthermore, the proposed list or any other implementations measures should take into account the following elements and principles that also needs to be included in the chapeau paragraphs of the proposed list along with the (already reflected) voluntary nature of its implementation:
  - A- The technological gaps among developing and developed states.
  - B- The diverse national legal systems.
  - C- Respecting each region's specificities.
  - D- Any proposed measures should be without prejudice to states' positions in future discussions on the implementation of the existing framework.

Mr. Chairman,

- 5- We have surpassed the midpoint of this OEWG, and getting closer to the final annual cycle of this group. Although there could be merits on continuing the discussions on all agenda items of the Group simultaneously, it could be also the right moment to consider giving priority and special attention to specific matters, while discussions on the traditional outstanding matters could take place adequately in the future regular institutional dialogue that we believe must be a permanent, comprehensive and single track process.

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**6- Finally, we reiterate our continued support to this process.**