

**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the Eleventh Substantive
Session of the OEWG on the Security of and in the Use of ICTs:
Explanation of Position on the Final Report
(11 June 2025)**

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chair,

My delegation would like to express its sincere appreciation to you, your team, and the Secretariat for your dedicated, tireless, and professional efforts throughout the OEWG process. Your commitment to fostering an inclusive, transparent, and constructive dialogue has been instrumental in guiding our collective work and advancing progress on this complex and vital agenda. We commend your leadership in building consensus among Member States and in facilitating a smooth transition to the Global Mechanism.

My delegation aligns itself with the joint statement of the LMG Group, which will be delivered later today.

Mr. Chair,

While we welcome and appreciate the positive improvements introduced throughout various parts of the final report and acknowledge the progress made, my delegation remains disappointed that it does not fully reflect the entire range of the threat landscape, as it overlooks several threats highlighted by a number of States during the OEWG's deliberations, particularly those related to the responsibilities of the private sector and platforms with extraterritorial impact.

To address this significant gap and ensure a more balanced and comprehensive representation of the OEWG's mandate, my delegation put forward a compromise proposal to compile a list of threats identified by States throughout the OEWG process to serve as a valuable reference for the work of the Global Mechanism.

We continue to strongly believe that our proposal offers a constructive way to address this substantive shortcoming in the threat section.

In line with the final sentence of paragraph 14 of final report, which acknowledges the need to continue addressing the diverse landscape of ICT threats in a manner that reflects the realities of all countries and regions, my delegation will remain engaged in advancing the consideration of critical threats identified by a number of States, including my own, within the framework of the Global Mechanism.

Mr. Chair,

The consensus-based decision-making modality of the global mechanism is clearly articulated in Annex C of the Third APR, which states: *"The future permanent mechanism would take all decisions based on the principle of consensus. Based on consultations with States, decisions could be put forward by the Chair for adoption by States on a consensus basis."* This language leaves no ambiguity regarding the intended approach: decisions within the future mechanism are to be made by consensus. Any interpretation that diverges from this agreed and fundamental principle would compromise the very foundation of the global mechanism and is therefore not acceptable.

I thank you, Mr. Chair