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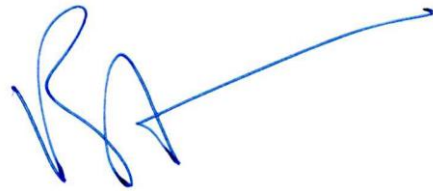
I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

As delegations will recall, the fifth substantive session of the OEWG concluded on 28 July 2023 with the adoption by consensus of the second Annual Progress Report (APR) of the OEWG. I would like to once again express my thanks to delegations for engaging actively and constructively in the discussions and for your flexibility, which contributed to the adoption of this substantive, meaningful and balanced package of outcomes.

Following our practice in 2022, it is essential for the second APR to be endorsed by consensus in the First Committee of the General Assembly. In this regard, I am pleased to attach a **draft decision** (contained in Annex A) that will be tabled by Singapore in the First Committee to endorse the second APR. The draft decision will not be open to any delegation for co-sponsorship. I kindly request all delegations to consider the draft decision positively and seek your support for its adoption by consensus.

I take this opportunity to inform you also that I intend to convene a virtual informal townhall meeting at **9am on Thursday, 28 September 2023 (New York time)** to present my draft decision in an inclusive and transparent setting, and to clarify any queries that delegations may have, with a view to ensuring the smooth adoption of the draft decision. I would also like to take the opportunity to share my vision for the work of the OEWG for the coming annual cycle, and to hear your views and thoughts in this regard.

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
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Enclosures:

- Annex A – Draft decision to be tabled in the First Committee titled “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”



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The General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 75/240 of 31 December 2020 and 76/19 of 6 December 2021, noting that the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies established pursuant to resolution 75/240 held its organizational session and its first substantive session in 2021, its second and third substantive sessions in 2022, and its fourth and fifth substantive sessions in 2023, and recalling that, at its fifth substantive session on 28 July 2023, the open-ended working group considered its second annual progress report, decided to include in its report the outcome of the substantive discussions of the working group as contained in the annex to document A/78/265 and subsequently issued a compendium of statements in explanation of position on the adoption of the second annual progress report as document A/AC.292/2023/INF/4:

(a) Decides to endorse the second annual progress report and convene additional intersessional meetings of up to ten days across 2024 and 2025, to advance discussions, build on the annual progress reports, and support the continued work of the open-ended working group in accordance with its mandate pursuant to resolution 75/240, recognizing that States have emphasized that the open-ended working group itself served as a confidence-building measure;

(b) Further decides to request the Secretary-General to implement the functions of directory manager beginning in 2024 as elaborated in Annex A of A/78/265;

(c) Also decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session the item entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”.
