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Excellency,

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 thank delegations for their valuable contributions and constructive approach at the fifth substantive session of the OEWG which concluded with the adoption by consensus of the second Annual Progress Report (APR) of the OEWG.

As we move into the third annual cycle of the OEWG, it is my hope that we will continue to build on the momentum of the past two years by broadening and deepening our discussions across all six pillars of the OEWG's mandate as contained in General Assembly resolution 75/240, while also working together to implement the concrete recommendations in the second APR.

To facilitate preparations and planning for our work, I am pleased to enclose a **Proposed Schedule of OEWG Meetings 2023-2025** (contained in Annex A), setting out the dates for future substantive sessions of the OEWG, as well as the dates for dedicated intersessional meetings to be convened in 2024. The dates for intersessional meetings to be convened in 2025 will be communicated in due course in 2024.

I have been advised by the UN Secretariat that a General Assembly decision will be required if we choose to hold the sixth substantive session in December 2023, rather than in 2024 as originally decided by the General Assembly.

It is my view that holding the sixth substantive session in December 2023 is both necessary and important as it will give all delegations sufficient time to resume the work of the OEWG and start focused and concrete discussions in line with the second APR. A meeting in December is also in line with our practice over the past two years, i.e. the

OEWG had convened substantive sessions in December 2021 and December 2022. If we decide to convene the sixth substantive session in December 2023, there will be no change to the total number of mandated substantive sessions, i.e. eleven substantive sessions over the course of the OEWG's five-year mandate.

I am pleased to share with all delegations a **draft decision** (contained in Annex B) that will be tabled by Singapore in the General Assembly Plenary in the coming weeks. The draft decision will not be open for co-sponsorship.

I seek your kind understanding and support to have this technical and procedural draft decision adopted by the General Assembly as soon as possible, so that the UN Secretariat can secure the necessary conference facilities for December 2023.

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



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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 – Proposed Schedule of OEWG Meetings 2023-2025
- Annex B – Draft decision to be tabled in the General Assembly Plenary 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”

**OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY OF AND IN THE USE OF
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES 2021-2025 (OEWG)**

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF OEWG SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS FOR 2023-2025 AND
DEDICATED INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS FOR 2023-2024**

SIXTH SUBSTANTIVE SESSION	11-15 DECEMBER 2023
SEVENTH SUBSTANTIVE SESSION	4-8 MARCH 2024
DEDICATED GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING ON ICT SECURITY CAPACITY- BUILDING	10 MAY 2024
DEDICATED INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS	13-17 MAY 2024
EIGHTH SUBSTANTIVE SESSION	8-12 JULY 2024
NINTH SUBSTANTIVE SESSION	2-6 DECEMBER 2024
TENTH SUBSTANTIVE SESSION	3-7 MARCH 2025
FINAL SUBSTANTIVE SESSION	21-25 JULY 2025



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Singapore: draft decision*

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The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 75/240 of 31 December 2020, in which the Assembly decided to convene the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, decides to hold the sixth session of the open-ended working group in December 2023.

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 94 and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.