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Dear colleagues,

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.

Ahead of the seventh substantive of the OEWG taking place from 4 to 8 March 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York (UNHQ), I am pleased to invite interested stakeholders, including businesses, non-governmental organizations and academia, to an **informal dialogue on Wednesday, 28 February 2024 from 09:00-12:00pm EST (New York local time) via Microsoft Teams**. The connection link will be conveyed to registered participants in due course.

This latest informal dialogue builds on the series of focused dialogues between States and stakeholders that I have convened over the course of the past two years, in line with my longstanding commitment to systematic, sustained and substantive engagement with stakeholders. Stakeholders will recall that I have thus far convened focused dialogues on the topics of existing and potentials threats, confidence-building, and capacity-building, as well as more wide-ranging dialogues relating to the OEWG's Annual Progress Reports. It is my sense that stakeholders find both types of dialogues valuable and important, and that it is important that we maintain a good balance between the two over time.

In this regard, for this dialogue, it is my intention to focus our discussions on the topic of **rules, norms and principles of responsible State behaviour** in the use of ICTs. Specifically, I invite stakeholders to be guided by the following questions:

- Taking into account discussions that have taken place within the OEWG so far as well as the non-exhaustive list of proposals annexed

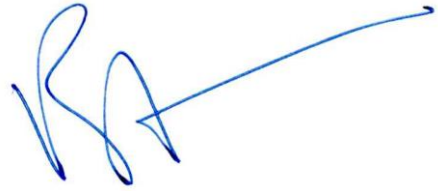
to the Chair's Summary in the 2021 OEWG Final Report, and given some national views that additional norms could continue to be developed over time, given stakeholders' specific expertise and on-the-ground experience, what are some possible examples of such additional norms that could potentially complement existing norms?

- How can stakeholders contribute to States' efforts to develop measures or best practices to protect CI and CII from ICT threats? What role can stakeholders play in better supporting developing countries and small States who are in the process of identifying national CI and CII?
- The Second APR calls on "States to elaborate additional guidance, including a checklist, on the implementation of norms, taking into account previous agreements. The OEWG Chair is requested to produce an initial draft of such a checklist for consideration by States". What roles could stakeholders, taking into account their specialized skills and expertise, potentially play as part of a checklist on the implementation of norms?
- Drawing on different stakeholders' specific areas of expertise, are there any specific areas in which the implementation of the agreed norms is currently lacking, or where existing implementation efforts can be improved? If so, how can stakeholders contribute to efforts to address these areas?

In order to ensure the most productive use of our meeting time, I urge all speakers to focus their interventions on the topic of the focused discussion. I would also encourage you to organize yourselves in groups or coalitions focused on supporting specific proposals or themes and that could speak as a group on your behalf.

The registration details are enclosed. I also encourage you to send any written input to cyberOEWGChair@gmail.com and prizeman@un.org, to be made available on the dedicated OEWG webpage (<https://meetings.unoda.org/open-ended-working-group-on-information-and-communication-technologies-2021>).

I look forward to a substantive and productive engagement with you.



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Enclosure:

- Annex A – Registration Details

REGISTRATION DETAILS

If you wish to participate in the virtual informal dialogue on 28 February 2024, **please register at the Microsoft Forms link provided below no later than 12 noon (New York local time) on Monday, 26 February 2024.** Each participant should register individually at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Tbe23MSnB7>. Confirmed participants will receive login details prior to the meeting.

Additional Information

More information on the OEWG 2021-2025 can be found on the dedicated OEWG webpage (<https://meetings.unoda.org/open-ended-working-group-on-information-and-communication-technologies-2021>).

Specific queries may be directed to Ms. Katherine Prizeman, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, prizeman@un.org.