



The Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of ICT 2021-2025 - Eleventh Substantive Session

Malta's Position for the Compendium of Statements, 11th July 2025.

Further to the comments submitted by the EU Delegation, Malta, in its national capacity, would like to highlight the following points.

Malta thanks the Chair, his team, and the Secretariat for their dedication and leadership throughout this process. We welcome the adoption of the final report and the decision to establish a Global Mechanism to advance responsible State behaviour.

We reaffirm our commitment to the UN Framework on Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace, recognising its key role in strengthening stability and security online. Malta emphasises the importance of continuing this work by building on prior UNGGE and OEWG outcomes, including the voluntary checklist and cross-regional efforts on international law, particularly international humanitarian law, aspects which were not adequately reflected in the final report.

The permanent mechanism's mandate to advance implementation of the normative framework of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace and to promote mutual accountability will be essential, as adherence to these norms will directly enhance stability and security in cyberspace, strengthen national cyber capabilities, and foster peace across divides. Malta recognises the value of cross-cutting working groups tasked with addressing specific security challenges and accelerating cybersecurity capacity-building. It is imperative to continue deepening our shared understanding of international law as applied in cyberspace, including the UN Charter, human rights law, and international humanitarian law.

The final report is truly historic, reflecting over 25 years of diplomatic efforts towards a consensus-based global mechanism that is action-oriented and inclusive. Malta recalls that the EU and its Member States first called for such a mechanism with the Programme of Action to Advance Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace as proposed by France. This mechanism helps ensure that all States are able to implement the normative framework, which serves as a cornerstone of our collective resilience and preparedness against cyber threats. Malta is pleased with the report's emphasis on capacity building and the way capacity-building efforts interact with the modalities of the permanent mechanism, creating the conditions for significant progress in this regard.

This transition to a single-track, inclusive, consensus-driven permanent mechanism marks a major milestone towards a safe, more secure, and more resilient digital space. Malta is honoured to have participated in this multilateral achievement.

Looking ahead, Malta stands ready to engage constructively with all stakeholders to strengthen accountability, promote responsible state behaviour, and enhance international peace and security in cyberspace.