

REFERENCE: ODA/2023-00042/ ICT-Mapping Exercise

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the “Report of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communication technologies 2021-2025” as contained in document [A/78/265](#) dated 1 August 2023.

By paragraph 46 of the Annex contained in [A/78/265](#) entitled “Progress report on the discussions of the working group on agenda item 5”:

“The UN Secretariat is requested to conduct a ‘mapping exercise’, in consultation with relevant entities, in order to survey the landscape of capacity-building programmes and initiatives within and outside of the United Nations and at the global and regional levels, including by seeking the views of Member States. The UN Secretariat is further requested to produce a report with the findings of this ‘mapping exercise’, and to present this report at the seventh session of the OEWG to support States’ efforts to take stock of existing ICT security capacity-building efforts and to encourage further synergies and coordination between such efforts.”

Pursuant to this request, the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs invites the view of Member States on the landscape of information and communications technologies capacity-building programmes and initiatives within and outside the United Nations at the global and regional levels.

In order to facilitate the preparation of the report requested by the Secretariat for the seventh session of the OEWG, scheduled from 4-8 March 2024, the deadline for submissions of views is **10 November 2023**.

States are requested to cooperate to enable the Secretariat to ensure the timely issuance of the requested report. All submissions should be sent **electronically, in Microsoft Word format**. Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Virginia Browning (virginia.browning@un.org) copying Ms. Katherine Prizeman (prizeman@un.org).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.


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