REFERENCE: ODA/2023-00042/OEWG ICT accreditation [5th session]

The United Nations 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 resolution 75/240 entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”, adopted by the General Assembly on 31 December 2020.

By operative paragraph 1 of the resolution, the General Assembly decided to convene, starting in 2021, an open-ended working group acting on a consensus basis.

The Open-Ended Working Group on the security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 decided to apply modalities for participation of non-governmental organizations and other non-governmental entities as set out in the Chair’s proposal contained in his letter to Member States dated 22 April 2022. The modalities can be accessed on the dedicated webpage of the Open-Ended Working Group.

Requests for accreditation received from non-governmental entities without ECOSOC consultative status interested in participating in the work of the Open-ended Working Group are available at this link for the consideration of the Governments of the Permanent Missions on a no-objection basis. **Those organizations subject to approval are also listed in Annex A of the present document;** Annex B, which is for information use only, lists participating organizations with ECOSOC consultative status.

A list of previously-accredited non-governmental entities to the Open-ended Working Group is available in document A/AC.292/2023/INF.1.

The Secretariat will consider that the requests for accreditation of non-governmental entities listed in Annex A are approved unless communication to the contrary is submitted via Note Verbale to the Chair of the Open-ended Working Group before 10 am EST on Monday, 22 May 2023. Any objections should be sent to cyberOEWGChair@gmail.com with a copy to the Secretariat (Ms. Katherine Prizeman, prizeman@un.org).

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

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Annex A: List of non-governmental entities seeking accreditation to the Open-Ended Working Group

1. Artificial Intelligence Initiative-Africa
2. Center for Cooperation in Cyberspace
3. Centre for Cyber Security and International Relations Studies, Department of Political Sciences, University of Florence
4. Centre for International Information Security, Science and Technology Policy, Moscow State Institute of International Relations
5. Cyber Youth Singapore
6. CyberPeace Institute
7. Cybersecurity Tech Accord
8. Digital Agenda for Tanzania Initiative
9. DXC Technology
10. Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
11. Global Forum on Cyber Expertise
12. Independent Diplomat
13. Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia
14. Observer Research Foundation
15. Security Inclusion Now
16. Stiftung Neue Verantwortung
17. Stimson Center
18. The Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences
19. The OneGoal Initiative for Governance
20. The Saudi Federation for Cybersecurity, Programming and Drones

Annex B: List of participating non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC Consultative Status (for information purposes only)

1. China Great Wall Society