

**Open-Ended Working Group on the security of and in the use of
information and communications technologies 2021–2025 (OEWG)**

Dedicated stakeholder segment

Contribution by DiploFoundation

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Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates, and colleagues,

My name is Vladimir Radunovic. I represent DiploFoundation, a nonprofit educational organisation supporting small and developing countries as well as various stakeholders in industry and civil society with capacity building in cyber diplomacy, cybersecurity and internet governance topics for over 20 years.

Mr. Chair, we would like to express our further support for the work of the OEWG and address some of the guiding questions for the sixth substantive session.

Regarding the specific ways to strengthen cooperation to ensure the integrity of the supply chain and prevent the use of harmful hidden functions, Diplo is happy to share the result achieved this year by the [Geneva Dialogue on Responsible Behaviour in Cyberspace](#), established by Switzerland and led by DiploFoundation. In 2023 over 50 representatives and independent experts from the private sector, civil society, academia and technical community contributed to the development of the [Geneva Manual](#), a comprehensive guide on the implementation of the agreed cyber norms by relevant stakeholders. The first edition of the Manual was launched last week and focused on the implementation of the two UN GGE norms related to ICT supply chain security and responsible reporting of ICT vulnerabilities. The Manual addresses the implementation gap and serves an important contribution to the OEWG, highlighting the roles for various stakeholders in implementing the norms, and the related challenges. The Geneva Manual is published on the Geneva Dialogue website, and is also [published](#) at the OEWG website; we invite all interested stakeholders to join this multistakeholder work to further discuss the roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the agreed normative framework.

Mr. Chair, regarding ***capacity building***, Diplo strongly supports the mapping exercise, we've submitted as a contribution our footprint and experience in cyber capacity building in the past 2 decades, and are committed to actively assisting the UN Secretariat and States in this regard. With regard to the possible Global Cyber Security Cooperation Portal, Diplo is will be happy to contribute with its experiences of operating the [Geneva Internet Platform \(GIP\)](#) and the [Digital Watch Observatory](#) as examples of neutral and inclusive well recognised online resources and comprehensive mappings in cyber diplomacy and digital policy field; it is important that the future Portal builds on existing experiences and incorporates specialised existing tools for diplomatic use cases. We remain committed to support the future capacity building efforts.

Thank you for this opportunity, Mr. Chair.

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