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Excellency,

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, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

In accordance with the decisions taken in the second Annual Progress Report (APR) of the OEWG, I will be convening dedicated intersessional meetings of the OEWG from **13 to 17 May 2024 (Monday to Friday)** to engage in further in-depth discussions on topics under the OEWG's mandate. The dedicated intersessional meetings will be held in person at United Nations Headquarters in New York and will be open to all delegations and stakeholders. In this regard, I am pleased to enclose an **annotated schedule** for the intersessional meetings at Annex A.

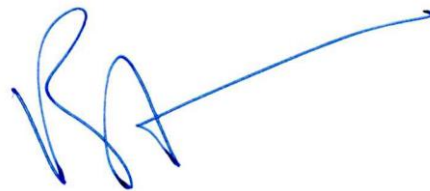
As agreed in the second APR, the dedicated intersessional meetings will feature **expert participation and briefings** on the topics of existing and potential threats, rules, norms and principles, international law and confidence-building measures. The briefings will be followed by interactive discussion segments between experts, delegations and stakeholders. I thank all delegations that have nominated experts for inclusion in the informal list of experts for selection as potential speakers at the dedicated intersessional meetings. I am currently reviewing the nominations, with a view towards ensuring equitable geographical representation and articulation of the full diversity of viewpoints on the issues under discussion.

Following the virtual townhall on the topic of regular institutional dialogue on 27 March 2024, I am currently preparing a **revised Chair's discussion paper on draft elements for the permanent mechanism on ICT security in the context of international security**, incorporating proposals and suggestions made by delegations since the issuance of the initial discussion paper on 20 February 2024. I

intend to circulate this revised paper at the end of April, which I hope will facilitate deeper discussions on the ways in which we can build on and expand the common elements agreed in paragraph 55 of the second APR at the dedicated intersessional meeting on the topic of regular institutional dialogue.

I call on all delegations to take the opportunity of the dedicated intersessional meetings to continue building consensus around elements of concrete progress that we can capture in a third Annual Progress Report at the eighth substantive session of the OEWG. In this regard, I look forward to working closely with all delegations to advance the work of the OEWG over the intersessional period, in accordance with the mandate as established in the General Assembly resolution 75/240.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Burhan Gafoor
Chair
Open-Ended Working Group on
security of and in the use of
information and
communications technologies
2021-2025

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Enclosure:

- Annex A – Annotated Schedule for Dedicated Intersessional Meetings in May 2024

Annotated Schedule for Dedicated Intersessional Meetings in May 2024

Monday, 13 May	Tuesday, 14 May	Wednesday, 15 May	Thursday, 16 May	Friday, 17 May
<p><u>1000hrs-1300hrs</u></p> <p>Opening Remarks by Chair of the OEWG</p> <p>Thematic session on existing and potential threats to security in the use of ICTs¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings by experts on existing and potential threats to security of and in the use of ICTs • Interactive segment with experts, delegations and stakeholders 	<p><u>1000hrs-1300hrs</u></p> <p>Thematic session on rules, norms and principles of responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs taking into account sub-paragraphs 23 (a) to (h) [of the second APR]²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings by experts on rules, norms and principles of responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs • Interactive segment with experts, delegations and stakeholders 	<p><u>1000hrs-1300hrs</u></p> <p>Thematic session on how international law applies in the use of ICTs³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings by experts on how international law applies in the use of ICTs • Interactive segment with experts, delegations and stakeholders 	<p><u>1000hrs-1300hrs</u></p> <p>Thematic session on the development and implementation of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), including on the potential development of additional CBMs⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings by experts on the development and implementation of CBMs • Interactive segment with experts, delegations and stakeholders 	<p><u>1000hrs-1300hrs</u></p> <p>Thematic session on proposals on regular institutional dialogue, including the PoA⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused discussion on the Chair’s revised discussion paper on draft elements for the permanent mechanism • Focused discussions on the relationship between the PoA and the OEWG, and on the scope, content and structure of a PoA⁶

¹ Second APR (A/78/265), para 22.

² Second APR (A/78/265), para 27.

³ Second APR (A/78/265), para 35.

⁴ Second APR (A/78/265), para 38.

⁵ Second APR (A/78/265), para 58.

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<u>1500hrs-1800hrs</u>				
Reserved for Bilateral or Group Meetings with the Chair as well as Side-Events* Organized by Delegations and Stakeholders				
<i>*Delegations are invited to submit information about afternoon side-events to the Chair, which will be compiled and shared with delegations in the final schedule.</i>				