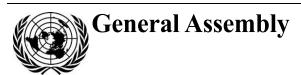
United Nations A/72/327



Distr.: General 14 August 2017

Original: English

Seventy-second session
Item 95 of the provisional agenda\*
Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security

# Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security

Report of the Secretary-General

# Summary

The present report is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/237 on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.







# I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 70/237 of 23 December 2015, on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts, to be established in 2016 on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, taking into account the assessments and recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report, to continue to study, with a view to promoting common understandings, existing and potential threats in the sphere of information security and possible cooperative measures to address them and how international law applies to the use of information and communications technologies by States, as well as norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviour of States, confidence-building measures and capacity-building and the concepts referred to in paragraph 3 above, and to submit a report on the results of the study to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.

# II. Organizational matters

- 2. In accordance with the terms of the resolution, the Secretary-General appointed a group of governmental experts from 25 States: Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. The list of experts is contained in the annex to the present report.
- 3. The Group of Governmental Experts met in four formal sessions, the first from 29 August to 2 September 2016 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, the second from 28 November to 2 December 2016 at the United Nations Office at Geneva, the third from 20 to 24 February 2017 at the United Nations Office at Geneva and the fourth from 19 to 23 June 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. At its first session, the Group unanimously elected Karsten Geier of Germany as its Chairman.
- 4. The Information and Outreach Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs served as the secretariat to the Group. The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research served as the consultant to the Group.
- 5. In accordance with its mandate, as contained in resolution 70/237, the Group had a comprehensive, in-depth exchange of views on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security. Furthermore, the Group took into account the reports of previous Groups of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security as well as contributions and proposals made available by members of the Group. Several draft substantive reports were considered by the Group, including on the last day of the final formal meeting, on the following issues: existing and emerging threats; capacity-building; confidence-building; recommendations on the implementation of norms, rules and principles for the responsible behaviour of States; application of international law to the use of information and communications technologies; and conclusions and recommendations for future work. No consensus was reached on a final report.

**2/5** 17-13985

# Annex

# List of members of the Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security

#### Australia

Henry Fox Director, Cyber Policy, International Security Division Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

#### Botswana

Cecil Otukile Masiga (session 3)
Director, Department of Information Technology
Ministry of Transport and Communications

John L. Vassiliadis (session 2)
Deputy E-Gov Controller — Security
Ministry of Transport and Communications

#### **Brazil**

Marcelo Paz Saraiva Câmara Counsellor, Head of the Division of Disarmament and Sensitive Technologies Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Canada

Michael Walma Cyber Foreign Policy Coordinator Global Affairs Canada

# China

Long Zhou Coordinator for Cyber Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### Cuba

Miguel Gutiérrez Rodríguez Director General Ministry of Communications

# **Egypt**

Mohamed Abulkheir Ambassador and Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for International Specialized Agencies

#### Estonia

Marina Kaljurand Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### **Finland**

Marja Lehto Ambassador and Senior Expert, Legal Service Ministry for Foreign Affairs

17-13985 3/**5** 

#### France

**David Martinon** 

Ambassador for Cyberdiplomacy and the Digital Economy

#### Germany

Karsten Geier

Head of Cyber Policy Coordination Staff, Federal Foreign Office

#### India

Santosh Jha Joint Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs

# Indonesia

Munawar Ahmad

Senior Expert of the National Desk for Information Resilience and Cyber Security Coordinating Ministry for Politics, Law and Security

# Japan

Koichi Mizushima

Ambassador in charge of United Nations Affairs and Ambassador in charge of Cyber Policy

# Kazakhstan

Dmitriy Goloburda

Deputy Minister of Defence and Aerospace Industry

# Kenya

Katherine W. Getao

ICT Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology

#### Mexico

Gerardo Isaac Morales Tenorio Deputy Director General for Multidimensional Security Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Netherlands

Carmen Gonsalves Head, International Cyber Policy Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Republic of Korea

Shin Maeng-ho Ambassador for International Security Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# **Russian Federation**

Andrey V. Krutskikh

Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation in Information Security, Ambassador-at-large Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**4/5** 17-13985

# Senegal

Cherif Diallo
Director of Information and Communication Technology
Ministry of Postal Services and Telecommunications

# Serbia

Dragan Mladenović Lieutenant Colonel, Department of Telecommunications and Informatics of the General Staff of the Army of Serbia Ministry of Defence

# **Switzerland**

Frank Grütter Ambassador and Head of Division for Security Policy Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

# United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sarah Taylor Director, Cyber Policy Foreign and Commonwealth Office

# **United States of America**

Michele G. Markoff
Deputy Coordinator for Cyber Issues, Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues
Office of the Secretary of State
Department of State

17-13985 **5/5**