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Seventy-seventh session Agenda item 94 Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2022

[on the report of the First Committee (A/77/380, para. 11)]

77/36. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/103 of 9 December 1981, 43/78 H of 7 December 1988, 53/70 of 4 December 1998, 54/49 of 1 December 1999, 55/28 of 20 November 2000, 56/19 of 29 November 2001, 57/53 of 22 November 2002, 58/32 of 8 December 2003, 59/61 of 3 December 2004, 60/45 of 8 December 2005, 61/54 of 6 December 2006, 62/17 of 5 December 2007, 63/37 of 2 December 2008, 64/25 of 2 December 2009, 65/41 of 8 December 2010, 66/24 of 2 December 2011, 67/27 of 3 December 2012, 68/243 of 27 December 2013, 69/28 of 2 December 2014, 70/237 of 23 December 2015, 71/28 of 5 December 2016, 73/27 of 5 December 2018, 74/29 of 12 December 2019, 75/240 of 31 December 2020 and 76/19 of 6 December 2021,

Stressing that it is in the interest of all States to promote the use of information and communications technologies for peaceful purposes, with the objective of shaping a community of shared future for humankind for peace, security and stability in the information space, and that States also have an interest in preventing conflict arising from the use of such technologies,

Recognizing that the dissemination and use of information and communications technologies affect the interests of the entire global community and that broad international cooperation leads to the most effective universal responses to address information and communications technology threats and promotes an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful information and communications technology environment,

Reaffirming that, given the unique attributes of information and communications technologies, additional norms could be developed over time, and, separately, noting the possibility of future elaboration of additional binding obligations,





Noting that capacity-building is essential for international security, cooperation of States and confidence-building in the field of information and communications technology security and that capacity-building measures should seek to promote the use of information and communications technologies for peaceful purposes, and that further focused discussions within the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 on funding specifically for capacity-building efforts on security in the use of information and communications technologies are needed,

Reaffirming that the United Nations should continue to play a leading role in promoting dialogue on the use of information and communications technologies by States,

Underlining the importance for the global community of shaping a system of international information security and continuing a democratic, inclusive, transparent and results-oriented negotiation process within the Open-ended Working Group, while recognizing its centrality as the mechanism within the United Nations for dialogue on security in the use of information and communications technologies,

Welcoming the efforts of the Chair of the Open-ended Working Group to forge consensus among States on the common goal of ensuring an open, stable, secure, accessible and peaceful information and communications technology environment,

1. *Supports* the work of the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 in accordance with its mandate, as enshrined in General Assembly resolution 75/240;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption by consensus of the first annual progress report of the Open-ended Working Group,¹ and takes note of the compendium of statements in explanation of position on its adoption;²

3. *Calls upon* States to further engage constructively in the negotiations during formal and intersessional meetings of the Open-ended Working Group, which, pursuant to its mandate, will present recommendations, adopted by consensus, to the General Assembly;

4. *Confirms* that, in considering different proposals on all aspects of the mandate of the Open-ended Working Group, the views, concerns and interests of all States should be taken into account, and recommends that these proposals be further elaborated within the Open-ended Working Group;

5. *Encourages* Member States to continue exchanging views at the Openended Working Group on regular institutional dialogue on security in the use of information and communications technologies, with the objective of elaborating a common understanding on the most effective format for future regular institutional dialogue with the broad participation of States under United Nations auspices to be established upon conclusion of the work of the Open-ended Working Group 2021–2025;

6. *Invites* Member States to share within the Open-ended Working Group their views on capacity-building needs, as well as possible mechanisms to meet them, including funding;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session the item entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security".

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¹ A/77/275.

² A/AC.292/2022/INF/4.