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Indonesian Delegation

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Mr. Chairman,
Indonesia aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Alignment Movement and ASEAN.

The information and communication technology (ICT) has rapidly changed the landscape of our lives. It creates both the opportunity through increased our connectivity, opened alternative sources of prosperity, encouraged innovation and entrepreneurship.

On the other hand, it creates challenges in term of peace, security, and safety. In 2018, We recorded almost 12 million cyber-attacks, including more than 500,000 malware occurred targeting our infrastructures and hampering our economy. The cyberspace has also been a favorite platform to spread hatred and radical ideology.

On top of it, we are also seeing potential inter-state conflicts are spreading into the ICT environment. Indonesia is also concerned that misunderstanding in the cyberspace could lead to conflict in the real world.

Therefore, it is high time that we need to update our work to cope with this increasingly important challenge.

My delegation would like to highlight three points:

First, the norms in the cyberspace should be inclusive to represent the interest of all UN Member states: developed and developing countries.

This inclusiveness was embodied in the commencement of the OEWG in September 2019. My delegation commends the chairmanship of Switzerland.

The fact, that many member states have contributed in a very interactive and candid manner, is an achievement from which we have to built on.

Secondly, we need to harness the different and unique features that various processes in the UN can contribute towards achieving peace and security in the ICT environment.

Indonesia also welcomes and supports the establishment UNGGE. We hope that it will produce tangible and substantial outcome that complements that of OEWG.

All the different processes should be judge by their merits. This is a principled position that is independent from having representation in the GGE.

Our work, either in OEWG and UNGGE should be build upon UNGGE recommendations, and not backtrack from previous achievements, including in:

- identifying and develop further norms, and
• finding ways to promote the implementation of those norms,

OEWG can find common ground and innovative ways, to accommodate diverse views and facilitate constructive dialogue among member states, with broader engagement with other stakeholders.

Thirdly, Indonesia stands ready to discuss further how that the application of existing international law in cyberspace, including the possibility of having a lex specialis, without pre-judging the outcomes of our discussion.

All of our work should be aimed at creating an ICT environment or cyberspace as a realm of peace and security for common prosperity.

Mr. Chairman,

In this regard, Indonesia will welcome any effort to bring the different progress in a complementary manner.

It is our hope that the we can synchronize and harmonize the work of OEWG and UNGGE in one single resolution this year. It is not easy, but we are here to do what seems impossible.

Indonesia stands ready to work with different partners to work towards this.

Thank you.