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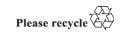**Open-ended working group on security of and
in the use of information and communications
technologies 2021–2025**

Provisional agenda and annotations

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Organization of work.

4. General exchange of views.

5. Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240:

    (a) To further develop the rules, norms and principles of responsible behaviour of States and the ways for their implementation and, if necessary, to introduce changes to them or elaborate additional rules of behaviour;

    (b) To consider initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies;

    (c) To establish, under the auspices of the United Nations, regular institutional dialogue with the broad participation of States;

    (d) To continue to study, with a view to promoting common understandings, existing and potential threats in the sphere of information security, inter alia, data security, and possible cooperative measures to prevent and counter such threats;

    (e) How international law applies to the use of information and communications technologies by States;

    (f) Confidence-building measures;

    (g) Capacity-building.

6. Other matters.

7. Adoption of annual progress reports.

8. Adoption of the final report.

Annotations

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240, the open-ended working group will hold its organizational session on 1 and 2 June 2021 and its substantive sessions in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. All meetings will be held in New York.

1. **Election of officers**

   Pending the election of the Chair, the Secretary-General or his representative will open the session as temporary Chair. The open-ended working group will be invited to elect a Chair.

2. **Adoption of the agenda**

   The open-ended working group will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

3. **Organization of work**

   Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240, the group, at its organizational session, shall agree on the organizational arrangements connected with the group. The group will be invited to decide on its programme of work for each substantive session, its rules of procedure and the participation of observer States, intergovernmental organizations, organizations of the United Nations system, civil society and other interested parties in the work of the group.

4. **General exchange of views**

   Participants in the group will exchange views on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies.

5. **Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240**

   Participants in the group will be invited to recommend elements on the substantive issues for the final recommendations of the group.

6. **Other matters**

   The group will take up other matters.

7. **Adoption of annual progress reports**

   Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240, the open-ended working group shall submit, for adoption by consensus, annual progress reports.

8. **Adoption of the final report**

   Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240, the open-ended working group shall submit, for adoption by consensus, a final report on the results of its work to the Assembly at its eightieth session.

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