



IRELAND

Meeting of the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on
developments in the field of information and telecommunications
in the context of international security

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Statement by Ireland

Mr. Chairman,

Ireland aligns itself with the statement made by the EU.

Let me add our congratulations and assure you of our support over the coming period.

Some very brief remarks...

Ireland looks forward to working constructively within this group on the issue of international security in cyberspace, building on the achievements of previous GGEs, including the successful outcome last week, and the consensus report agreed by the previous OEWG in March.

We welcomed the inclusivity, openness and transparency that were hallmarks of the last OEWG, and in particular how our discussions were enriched by engagement with regional organisations and the knowledge and expertise of non-state stakeholders many of who were not ECOSOC accredited

Greater engagement by civil society, academia, the technical community and the private sector will better inform and support our deliberations, and ultimately the decisions that we take, at this OEWG.

This engagement is critical given the key role that non-state stakeholders play in all areas of this group's work including promoting greater cyber resilience and capacity building.

Mr Chairman,

No single stakeholder acting alone can feasibly tackle the many serious challenges that we face.

We support calls made by Canada, the Czech Republic, Mexico and others today in support of stronger meaningful future stakeholder engagement at the OEWG.

We look forward to supporting you in continuing the consensus-based approach and building on the outcomes of previous GGE and OEWG reports to promote responsible state behaviour and a for a peaceful cyberspace.