CONCEPT NOTE

Multi-stakeholder Approach to
Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Cyber Harm
Focus on the Healthcare Sector
OEWG Side-event, 15 December 2021, 6:45 to 9:30 pm

In-person multi-stakeholder discussion and reception
convened and hosted by the Czech Republic on the margins of the first substantive session of
the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and
communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG)

Background
The Czech Republic has made protection of critical infrastructure from ICT threats with focus on
the healthcare sector a key priority of its domestic and international efforts. To translate the
recommendations of the 2021 GGE and OEWG reports into action, the Czech Republic is
co-leading a multi-stakeholder project on ‘Protecting the Healthcare Sector from Cyber Harm’
alongside the CyberPeace Institute and Microsoft. Our aim is to bring the diplomatic community
together with healthcare, cybersecurity, legal and regulatory experts to discuss best practices to
implement the agreed framework of responsible state behavior in cyberspace and increase cyber
resilience of this vital infrastructure.

Key Topics and Goals
On the occasion of the first substantive session of the OEWG, the Czech Republic invites you to
join a panel discussion with members of civil society, industry, and government representatives
to discuss the value of a multi-stakeholder approach in protecting critical infrastructure from
ICT threats, with added focus on the healthcare sector. The discussion will also explore potential
mechanisms for strengthening cooperation and synergies among all stakeholders to increase
cyber resilience of critical infrastructure. The panel discussion will be followed by a
multi-stakeholder cocktail reception.

Participants
We welcome OEWG Heads of Delegations and accompanying cyber experts to attend and share
their views. Members of the multi-stakeholder community including civil society, industry, and
other governmental representatives are equally welcome and the host encourages these groups
to use this event to share knowledge and expertise to enrich future OEWG deliberations.

Modality and Date
Panel discussion followed by a cocktail reception on Wednesday, 15 December 2021, 6:45 - 9:30
pm.

Bohemian National Hall
321 East 73rd Street
New York, NY 10021

A formal invitation with RSVP information will be sent to Permanent Missions to the UN in New York.
Please note that a proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required to attend the event.