

19 November 2021

Dear colleagues,

I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240. The first substantive session of the OEWG will take place from 13 to 17 December 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

I have the honour to invite interested, non-governmental stakeholders to a **virtual, informal consultative discussion on the occasion of the first substantive session**. The virtual discussion will take place on **Thursday, 16 December 2021 from 1:15-2:45pm EST (New York local time)** via Microsoft Teams.

The purpose of this informal, consultative discussion is to share my plans for the OEWG's engagement with non-governmental stakeholders. I also invite you to share your views on the topics under consideration by the OEWG, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 75/240 and contained in the OEWG's agenda ([A/AC.292/2021/1](#)), as well as concrete ideas that the OEWG can consider going forward.

Given time constraints, I would appreciate it if interventions are limited to **no more than 2 minutes** to ensure the widest number of stakeholders will be able to share their views. I also encourage you to submit written input to cyberOEWGChair@gmail.com and prizeman@un.org, which can be made available on the dedicated OEWG webpage (www.meetings.unoda.org/meeting/oewg-ict-2021).

Further details on the registration are enclosed. I look forward to fruitful and constructive engagement with you.



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Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Enclosure: Annex: Registration details

ANNEX: REGISTRATION DETAILS

If you wish to participate, **please register at the Microsoft Forms link provided below no later than Wednesday, 8 December 2021.**

Each participant should register individually at the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/wMzkaw3Mn9>

When registering, please indicate whether your organization intends to deliver an intervention. Please note that given the limited time, all requests for interventions may not be accommodated.

Confirmed participants will receive login details prior to the meeting.

More information on the OEWG 2021-2025 can be found at the [UNODA Meetings Place](#).

Specific queries may be directed to Ms. Katherine Prizeman, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, prizeman@un.org.