

Canada's remarks: general exchange of views

- Congratulations to Chair on nomination.
- Will use this first intervention to outline the main priorities in Canada's position paper and gender annex. These can be found on the OEWG portal.
- But first, Canada was pleased return to single, consensus resolution this past Fall.
- Hope we can build on this spirit of consensus at this OEWG and achieve tangible results.
- Canada's 6 objectives at this OEWG:
- 1) promoting the **implementation of the acquis** of past UN cyber processes. This is the foundation on which our current work rests. We hope to build on this acquis in this OEWG process.
- 2) **norms implementation** is one aspect of this. Remove barriers to implementation. Help other States develop their capacity to implement the norms in a human-centric manner.
- 3) **Gender**: priority for Canada at last OEWG, and at this one. Canada may table gender text next year. Ideas to mainstream gender at this OEWG included in annex to our position paper, which is on the OEWG portal.

- 4) **International law capacity building.** We will expand on this, and our other objectives related to international law, at the meeting on Wednesday.
- 5) Integrating the views of **stakeholders**: modalities discussion ongoing, hope we land on open and transparent modalities that avoid the anonymous blanket veto that was applied at last OEWG
- 6) **PoA**: Canada one of 54 co-sponsors. Canada will continue to advocate for the creation of an inclusive, action-oriented PoA that will help States implement the acquis, coordinate capacity building efforts and better integrate the voices of non-State actors.

I look forward to expanding on these points, and other issues in the OEWG mandate, in subsequent interventions later this week.

Before I wrap up, I would note presence of Women in Cyber fellows, including five from Latin America that Canada has been delighted to fund. Fellows contributed meaningfully to last OEWG, which achieved gender balance for the first time in a 1C process. Look forward to building on this at the current OEWG. Welcome fellows!

Thank you.