Mr. Chair,

Thailand would like to share a few brief comments on Confidence-building Measures (CBMs).

CBMs are not new in the international diplomacy toolbox. Over the past century, they have helped the international community navigate through numerous challenges, as well as served to guide States’ behaviour resulting in more stable and predictable international relations.

Thailand considers the on-going discussion in the OEWG as a constructive and crucial part of the CBM efforts. We recognise that the UN plays a crucial role in the development and support of global CBMs.

Thailand supports the establishment of cross-regional CBMs, as they would play an important role in building CBMs at a global scale. The cooperation among ASEAN Member States and between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners helps establish CBMs within the region and beyond. Thailand urges other regions to follow similar practices.

Thailand encourages regular dialogues and voluntary information exchanges as CBMs at all levels, including by submitting views and information to the relevant channels of the UN. Thailand also supports the establishment of the Points of Contact networks, inter alia, at the technical, policy and diplomatic levels, at a global scale.

Lastly, despite CBMs’ steady contribution to advancing the dialogue on cyber stability, more work still needs to be done to encourage their wider implementation.

I thank you Mr Chair.