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Mr. Chair,

As my delegation has stated, we believe that our OEWG should be a more integrated and inclusive process. We also witnessed just before, at the informal dialogue with stakeholders, how the expertise and experience of diverse stakeholders can contribute to capacity building. Cyberspace is a multifaceted domain characterized by the broad participation of diverse actors. Empowering those Member States in need of greater cyber capacity and recruiting the untapped expertise of various stakeholders must take center stage in our joint responses.

Capacity-building for underequipped developing countries is an urgent issue that merits the greater attention and commitment of all Member States, as it is crucial to implement the normative framework and respond to current and future threats in the cyberspace we are all interconnected in.

To effectively respond to current and potential threats, my delegation is of the view that building technical capacity as well as legislative, regulatory and policy capacity will be required. Capacity-building in the legislative and policy domain will help support developing countries align their laws and regulations with relevant norms as well as international law, thus contributing to the overall implementation of normative framework. Holistic capacity-building that meets the legal, policy, and technical needs of developing countries will be conducive

in providing country-specific assistance fitting the different needs of each country.

For its part, the Republic of Korea is actively participating in regional fora to promote capacity-building. For example, we co-chair the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on ICTs Security alongside Indonesia and Australia. We also co-chair the ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus Cyber Security Group.

In response to your first guiding question, Mr. Chair, we believe that the UN can play an important role to support capacity-building at the global level, as a hub to share the ongoing regional, sub-regional, bilateral, and national capacity-building efforts, as well as best practices. This will contribute to more effective and coordinated capacity-building.

In addition, the ROK believes that the Programme of Action for Advancing Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace as a permanent, action-oriented instrument will have particular merit especially in capacity-building. As such, we call for all Member States' interest and participation in the PoA.

Capacity-building, combined with international cooperation and confidence building measures, will contribute to bridging the gaping holes in our global efforts to enhance security in cyberspace. The Republic of Korea stands ready to cooperate with all Member States to achieve this important goal.

Thank you, Mr. Chair. /END/