Dear Chair, Ambassador Gafoor, dear fellow colleagues!

First of all, I would like to thank the Chair for organizing this timely and useful event.

My name is Elena Zinovieva and I represent Center of the International Information Security and Science and Technology Policy at Moscow State Institute of the International Relations. The Center focuses on the scientific research and educational training in the field of the political issues of the international information security and is a leading research institute in Russia in this area.

I would like to praise the work already done by the OEWG and stress the importance of the international cooperation and further elaboration of the rules of the responsible states’ behavior in the global ICT sphere. Such rules should be aimed at the creation of the stable and secure global ICT environment in the interest of all states and all the stakeholders.

And open, inclusive and pragmatic dialog is necessary for the establishment of the globally agreed rules of the responsible states’ behavior. We believe that the ultimate goal of the international cooperation is the formation of the international information security regime.

As for the discussion points, mentioned in the letter by Ambassador Gafoor, I would like to stress that Center of the International Information Security and Science and Technology Policy recently published a research paper “International Information Security. Russia’s Approaches” which deals with all these issues. We would be glad to share this paper with the fellow colleagues and OEWG Secretariat in a due manner.

Thank you!