Confidence Building Measures and Capacity Building
Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Israel regards the discussion on Confidence Building Measures and capacity building as intertwined and as an essential and extremely important part of the OEWG work.

Developing effective and sustainable international understanding requires, in Israel’s view, a solid base of trust. In this context, exchanges of knowhow, cybersecurity methodologies, risk assessment models, threats, trends, patterns etc. can play an important role.

In addition to extensive bilateral information sharing, Israel supports CBM efforts on a regional and cross-regional levels. Israel supports the important work that has been carried out by the OSCE and as a Mediterranean partner Israel also contributes its vast experience in this field. Furthermore, Israel is one of the founding members of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE) and is an active partner in developing various CBM’s and Capacity building initiatives in the GFCE framework. In addition, Israel hosted last year the OECD global forum for digital security promoting CBM’s and global security.

Moreover, in order to offer concrete suggestions that can be further elaborated within the OEWG process, and a with a view to advance CBMs that can be operationalized in a voluntary, non-binding manner at the UN level, Israel, together with a group of cross regional member states, held joint discussions aiming to present some novel and practical ideas and we wish to commend our German colleagues for initiating this process.

As Information sharing is in the heart of Cyber Security and can assist in building trust, Israel can emphasize the need of making Info-Sharing process faster and more efficient. Israel has introduced and is operating "CYBERNET"- an info-sharing system built for cyber professionals, that allows a "many to many"
sharing of relevant practical information. Israel launched this initiative to allow cross-country sharing of information and we believe this model can serve as a good basis for further introducing practical ways in the context of CBM’s.

At the heart of Israel’s international cyber strategy are its efforts to build global cyber resilience. Israel actively shares best practices with many countries and organizations who wish to build their own national cyber security capacities and is ready to collaborate with other states and organizations on this important matter.

Mr. Chair,

Cyber does not entail only threats, but holds possibilities and opportunities as well. Israel proved that Cyber could also serve as means for socio-economic mobility. Israel has been investing in capacity building and continues to build its cyber ecosystem while re-enforcing its periphery, bringing together Government, Academia and the Private Sector and we are gladly sharing our experience in this field.

To conclude Mr. Chair,

Cyber has created novel policy and regulatory challenges due to, among others, the involvement of the private sector. Therefore, it merits a broad discussion that requires thinking out of the box, breaking existing silos and strengthening multinational cooperation. Though we tend to speak about technology, it is really people-driven, and it should be treated as such, trying to minimize existing gaps.

Thank you Chair.