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Excellency,

I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025 (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

Further to my letter dated 20 April 2022, I wish to inform delegations that the silence procedure has concluded without any objections. The OEWG has therefore reached agreement to apply the modalities for the participation of stakeholders as set out in the Chair's proposal of 20 April 2022 (as annexed).

Accordingly, I will work with the Secretariat to commence the accreditation process as soon as possible, in line with the agreed modalities.

The agreed modalities will be formally adopted at the third substantive session of the OEWG to be convened from 25 to 29 July 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters, where the agreed modalities will be read out for the formal record of the OEWG.

I thank all delegations for their active and constructive participation and also for demonstrating flexibility in the spirit of consensus. I look forward to continue working closely with your delegation to advance the work of the OEWG, in accordance with the mandate as established in General Assembly resolution 75/240.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Chair
Open-Ended Working Group on
security of and in the use of
information and
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2021-2025

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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Annex: Agreed modalities for the participation of stakeholders in the Open-Ended
Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications
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- Member States of the OEWG are committed to engaging with stakeholders in a systematic, sustained, and substantive manner.
- Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with resolution 1996/31 would inform the Secretariat of the OEWG of their interest to participate in the work of the OEWG.
- Other interested non-governmental organizations relevant and competent to the scope and purpose of the OEWG should also inform the Secretariat of their interest in participating by submitting information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the OEWG. These organizations would accordingly be invited to participate, on a non-objection basis, as observers in the formal sessions of the OEWG.
- Accredited stakeholders will be able to attend formal meetings of the OEWG, make oral statements during a dedicated stakeholder session, and submit written inputs to be posted on the webpage of the OEWG.
- Encourage Member States to utilize the non-objection mechanism judiciously, bearing in mind the spirit of inclusivity.
- Where there is an objection to a non-governmental organization, the objecting Member State will make known its objection to the Chair of the OEWG and, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Chair of the OEWG the general basis of its objections. The Chair will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.

- The Chair of the OEWG will organize informal consultative meetings with stakeholders during the inter-sessional period, building on the practice of the previous OEWG.
- The OEWG is an inter-governmental process in which negotiation and decision-making are exclusive prerogatives of Member States.
- The modalities for this OEWG shall in no way create a precedent for any other UN process.

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