STATEMENTS


New York, 1 April 2022
Within thematic discussion on regular institutional dialogue:
Distinguished Mr. Chair,
Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, colleagues,

Following the recommendation – enshrined in the consensus final report of the OEWG – that it would not be appropriate to duplicate efforts in the area of ensuring international information security within several bodies, we believe that the OEWG should remain the only negotiating mechanism under the UN auspices dealing with these issues.

We assume that the decision on the future format for regular institutional dialogue, whether through the continuation of the OEWG or its transformation into a permanent mechanism, could be worked out by states at a later stage of the Group's activities.

During the first session of the OEWG, a number of states, including Russia, voiced a proposal to consider the prospects for interaction and exchange of experience in the field of international information security between the OEWG and regional organizations. In our view, this is a useful idea from the perspective of exchanging experience between our Group and regional platforms (primarily, the CIS, SCO, OSCE, ARF, etc.), with the understanding that it is the UN that plays the leading role in facilitating dialogue on the use of ICTs by states. We believe that such interaction could be organized in the format of regional consultations, dedicated sessions / intersessional events with participation of senior officials / representatives of regional organizations.

Thank you for your attention.
On agenda item 6 “Other matters”:

Distinguished Mr. Chair,

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, colleagues,

According to its mandate, the OEWG should submit an annual progress report to the 77th UN General Assembly session this autumn. In our view, the document should be objective and factual in nature and reflect in a balanced way the discussions on substantive matters of the Group’s agenda.

Since the report will summarize the first year of our work, we believe that it should be brief and include the key questions for the future. We hope that the Chair will organize our work following this session on the basis of a concrete text of the draft report. At the same time, with a view to avoiding lengthy negotiations on wordings – to the detriment of substantive conversations during the third session – we do not exclude the possibility of composing the document in the format of a Chair’s summary similarly to the first OEWG.

Thank you for your attention.