Mr. Chairman, honorable delegates, dear attendees,

I would first like to thank Chair for convening this informal dialogue with all interested stakeholders and the secretariat for the organization of this meeting. I would further thank States participating to the Open-Ended Working Group for involving non-State actors in these very important debates, either in the margin of, or within the formal session.

The Paris Peace Forum has been working closely with stakeholders across the ICT value chain and beyond the industry on improving the stability of cyberspace in the framework of the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace. Since 2018, the Paris Call has been gathering more than 1200 actors, including 80 Governments, 700 companies and 350 organizations from the civil society around 9 core principles to protect the open, free and secure internet and ensure better collaboration among all actors, whether public or private, to make cyberspace more secure and stable.

We are delighted to participate to this third substantive session as to address participating States on how multistakeholderism will be key in implementing the action-oriented proposals agreed during the last two substantive sessions.

As highlighted in several reports published in the framework of the Paris Call, especially one published in 2021 on international norm-setting and another one on securing the ICT value chain in a comprehensive manner, close cooperation between public, private and non-profit actor is key to get actual implementation of most principles, rules or standards. The long-term expertise of companies, civil society organization and academia is not only key to inform Governments in the manner they intend to secure cyberspace, but also to achieve the reasonable amount of public scrutiny necessary to reward responsible behavior, and deter malicious activities.

We are looking forward to the stakeholder session and will support States to the best of our abilities in advancing their work to make cyberspace safer and more secure.