Statement delivered by AHM Bazlur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer of Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) at the third substantive session of the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-202 New York, USA, 25-29 July 2022

Mr. Chair,

My name is AHM Bazlur Rahman, I work with the Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) as Chief Executive Officer.

We are so grateful for giving us an opportunity to share our experiences and accreditation for joining the third session. We would like to thank you in your capacity as Chair of the OEWG for your commitment and dedication to international peace and security, international law and human rights in the context of the negative impacts of malicious cyber operations and misuse of ICT and Furthering the Peaceful use of ICTs.

Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC)'s approach to media development and promotion and use of ICTs & Cyberspace are both knowledge-driven and context-sensitive in line with

1. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs (UN WSIS Action line 5)
2. GGEs Assessments & Recommendations
3. Giving voices to the voiceless and meaningful access to rural communities in Cyberspace security through Community Radio Broadcasting.

For this intervention, we would like to focus on the question of what ways the Bangladesh Government and CSOs/Stakeholders have been involved in capacity-building initiatives in ICTs security and Cyberspace

Mr. Chair,

Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum has been organizing capacity-building related programs through the Bangladesh Internet Governance Conference, Bangladesh School of Internet Governance, Bangladesh Youth IGF, Bangladesh Women IGF and Bangladesh Kids IGF. As a result, multi-stakeholders have participated in the process and are oriented.

Bangladesh Government has already reviewed its Cybersecurity Capacity in collaboration with the Global Cyber Security and Capacity Center and The Oxford Martin School at the University of Oxford in line with The CMM model.

According to the report – Bangladesh Cyber Security Strategy 2021 to 2025 has been formulated with four pillars. Four pillars are.

1. Digital Bangladesh
2. Human Resource Development
3. IT Industry Promotions and
4. Connectivity and Infrastructure

Mr. Chair,

Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum in collaboration with Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) has organized a **cyber diplomacy** training course for the youth and youth Women for furthering the Peaceful use of ICTs. We are so grateful to the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and Government of Singapore and the Government of Canada for developing the important and useful training course in an online manner.

Apart from this, we have been promoting the Report of the UN
1. Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation & Roadmap
2. Secretary-General's report of Our Common Agenda (2021) &

Ongoing work of the Office of the Envoy on Technology

(a) Promoting trust and security in the digital environment
(b) Strengthening digital capacities and skills

Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum has created a Parliamentarians Caucus on Internet Governance, Digital Economy & Media Development in Bangladesh recently. Through the Caucus, we would like to promote Security and in the use of ICTs among the parliamentarians in Bangladesh.

Conclusion: Mr. Chair,

We thank you and your team - especially **Katherine Prizeman** for tireless efforts in driving the OEWG forward, especially in these difficult times and for producing zero drafts that continue to raise the profile of the capacity building.

We would like to thank the Government of Ireland for the generous financial contribution to stakeholders' meaningful participation in the Third Substantive Session of the OEWG.

We hope that our interventions are helpful, and we look forward to future cooperation on facilitating, meaningful engagement, CSOs participation and strengthening coordination for the capacity-building process.

I thank you!