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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Republic of Korea expresses its gratitude for Chair and his team's productive efforts, and we'd like to briefly elaborate our views and touch on some of the points raised by other delegations.

To begin with the conclusion, we do view Rev 2 as viable summary of our discussions.

Although not all of the points we raised in our previous intervention are reflected in Rev 2, for us the priority lies in flexibly working towards consensus outcome rather than insisting all our preferences be taken into account. This is especially so considering the nature of this document, which is an annual summary of non-exhaustive nature, as it is repeatedly expressed in the document.

On International Law, we welcome that specific mentioning of the International Humanitarian Law is retained in Rev 2. The principle that existing international law applies to cyberspace has already been agreed to, and during the 3 sessions of this OEWG numerous delegations emphasized the importance of IHL. Therefore we believe IHL merits inclusion in the progress report.

As Croatia, Chile, Switzerland and other delegations mentioned, we also hoped to include explicit mentioning of expert briefings including ICRC in the progress

report, but, in the spirit of consensus we can also accept the current version. We'd also like to mention that we do not believe such an exclusion in the progress report precludes future activities of the sort in the following sessions.

On Capacity building, we had initially proposed explicitly mentioning 'PoA' as a concrete example of the permanent capacity building mechanism to be established within the OEWG. However, we can live with the current version in Rev 2, with PoA being mentioned instead in the Regular Institutional Dialogue chapter. We look forward to more focused discussions on this topic in the upcoming sessions.

Lastly, I'd like to briefly echo some proposals by other delegations.

On Threats, we can support mentioning ransom-ware in the report, as proposed by various states during this week's sessions. On CBMs, we can support various delegations' proposal to include mentioning of 'cooperation between CERTs'.

Lastly, on Regular Institutional Dialogue, we support the proposal made by the U.S., Colombia, Canada and others, regarding the expression 'OEWG's centrality'. Considering that past discussions on ICTs security have been conducted in the GGE setting, and that possible future discussions could be conducted in the PoA, we believe that the expression 'current central role' is a more objective and appropriate one.

Once again, we thank the Chair and the team for their dedication and effort, and hope that all delegations can flexibly work towards consensus outcome by tomorrow.   /end/