7 October 2022

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 the virtual informal townhall meeting that I convened on 29 September 2022, I had circulated a draft decision titled “Open-ended Working Group on Security of and in the use of Information and Communications Technologies established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 of 31 December 2020”, to be tabled by Singapore at the First Committee of the UN General Assembly. This draft decision seeks to endorse the annual progress report of the OEWG, which was adopted by consensus on 29 July 2022.

I take this opportunity to reiterate that it is very important that the resolution endorsing the annual progress report be adopted by consensus in the First Committee. I also reiterate my hope that the annual progress report and its outcomes will not be re-opened or become the subject of debate and division in the First Committee.

In this regard, I would like to convene another virtual informal townhall meeting at 8.30am (New York time) on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 to explain my draft decision in an inclusive and transparent setting, and to clarify any queries that delegations may have, with a view to ensuring the smooth adoption of the draft decision proposed. The consensus adoption of this draft decision will help greatly in preserving the constructive approach and positive atmosphere that has so far characterized the work of the OEWG.
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Burhan Gafoor
Chair
Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies
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