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### **Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025**

First substantive session, New York  
13-17 December 2021

#### Note by the Secretariat

1. The first substantive session of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020 will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 17 December 2021.
2. The provisional programme of work of the first substantive session is contained in the annex to the present note. The annotated agenda for the session, as adopted by the Working Group at its organizational meeting on 1 June, is contained in document A/AC.292/2021/1
3. Additional information can be found at a website for the OEWG <https://meetings.unoda.org/meeting/oewg-ict-2021/>

## Provisional Programme of Work

### Monday, 13 December

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Opening of the session

#### Opening statements

- Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
- H.E. Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Chair of the Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025
- H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (pre-recorded)
- H.E. Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Chair of the Group of Governmental Experts on advancing responsible State behaviour in cyberspace (pre-recorded)

#### Agenda item 3: Organization of work

#### Agenda item 4: General exchange of views

3-6 p.m.

#### Agenda item 4: General exchange of views (*continued*)

### Tuesday, 14 December

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Agenda item 4: General exchange of views (*continued*)

3-6 p.m.

**Agenda item 5: Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240**

Continue to study, with a view to promoting common understandings, existing and potential threats in the sphere of information security, inter alia, data security, and possible cooperative measures to prevent and counter such threats

- Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies

**Wednesday, 15 December**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Agenda item 5: Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240** *(continued)*

Further develop the rules, norms and principles of responsible behaviour of States and the ways for their implementation and, if necessary, to introduce changes to them or elaborate additional rules of behaviour

- Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies

3-6 p.m.

**Agenda item 5: Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240** *(continued)*

How international law applies to the use of information and communications technologies by States

- Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies

**Thursday, 16 December**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Agenda item 5: Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240** *(continued)*

Confidence-building measures

- Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies

3-6 p.m.

**Agenda item 5: Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240** *(continued)*

Capacity- building

- Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies

**Friday, 17 December**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Agenda item 5: Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240** *(continued)*

Establish, under the auspices of the United Nations, regular, institutional dialogue with the broad participation of States

- Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies

3-6 p.m.

**Agenda item 6: Other matters**

**Closing of the session**

- Concluding remarks by the Chair

Note: Delegations can choose to make group or national statements in-person, in written form, or by submitting pre-recorded video statements. A link and instructions for uploading pre-recorded statements will be shared with delegations via email by the Secretariat. Delegations that intend to submit pre-recorded video statements may contact the Secretariat for support (Ms. Katherine Prizeman, Office for Disarmament Affairs, [prizeman@un.org](mailto:prizeman@un.org)).