Inaugural
Singapore International Cyber Week

Following the delivery of the Secretary-General's message

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Prime Minister Lee  
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I would like to take this opportunity to add my greetings to those of Secretary-General Ban.

My Office, the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, is mandated to support the work of the 2016 Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security.

The Group began its work in August of this year.

In the lead-up to the establishment of this Group, I witnessed exponential growth in the number of countries from every part of the world that are ready to engage in the issue of ICTs.

This highlights the increasing awareness of the importance of this topic for the global community.

The cyber issue is multi-faceted and evolving quickly. Good work is being undertaken in various global and regional forums. The challenge for the international community is how to collaborate effectively.

While there is no easy or quick solution, it is important that global leaders come together in forums such as this one to engage in dialogue and to take the next steps in building cooperation. I would like to thank Singapore once again, and in particular Prime Minister Lee for his personal leadership, in convening this forum to bring together all concerned stakeholders.

I look forward to the presentations and discussions by distinguished leaders and experts from around the world, and I wish you every success for this important cyber week.

I thank you very much.