REFERENCE: ODA-2019-00031/ICT-NGOs

SUBJECT: RES 73/27 “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”;

Due to technical issues reported by some States in the receipt of the message below as originally circulated (19-271 - ODA-2019-00031/ICT-NGOs), the review period for Member States has been extended to 9 August 2019. No further requests for extensions will be considered.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 73/27 entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”, adopted by the General Assembly on 5 December 2018.

By operative paragraph 5 of the resolution, the General Assembly decided to convene, beginning in 2019, an open-ended working group acting on a consensus basis.

The participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the open-ended working group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security will be governed by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Detailed requests for accreditation received from NGOs without ECOSOC consultative status interested in attending the open meetings of the open-ended working group and its intersessional consultative meeting are available at https://bit.ly/2YXON6l for the consideration of the Governments of the Permanent Missions on a no-objection basis. Those organizations subject to approval are also listed in Annex A of the present document; Annex B, which is for information use only, lists participating organizations with ECOSOC consultative status.

The Secretariat will consider that the requests for accreditation of NGOs listed in Annex A and the above-mentioned website are approved unless communication to the contrary is submitted via Note Verbale to UNODA (Ms. Diane Barnes, diane.barnes@un.org) before 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 August 2019.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations for their support and to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

5 August 2019
United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security

Substantive sessions
9 to 13 September 2019
10 to 14 February 2020
6 to 10 July 2020
New York

Intersessional consultative meeting
2 to 4 December 2019
New York

Annex A: List of non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation to the Open-Ended Working Group

1. Asia Pacific Network Information Centre
2. Australian Strategic Policy Institute
3. Chatham House
4. Citizen Lab
5. Cyber Policy Institute
6. CyberGreen
7. Cybersecurity Tech Accord
8. Derechos Digitales
9. Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
10. Global Cyber Alliance
11. Global Partners Digital
12. Hague Centre for Strategic Studies
13. Indian Infosec Consortium
14. Internet Identity Card
15. Microsoft Corporation
16. Research ICT Africa
17. Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance
18. World Economic Forum
Annex B: List of participating non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC Consultative Status (for information purposes only)

1. Association for Progressive Communications
2. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
3. EastWest Institute
4. ICT for Peace Foundation
5. Igarapé Institute
6. Internet Society
7. Soka Gakkai International
8. Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom