REFERENCE: ODA-2020-00069/ICT-NGOs


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 http://bit.ly/ICTOEWG for the consideration of the Governments of the Permanent Missions on a no-object 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 ODA (Ms. Diane Barnes, diane.barnes@un.org) before 5 p.m. on Friday, 31 January 2020.

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.

24 January 2020
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Substantive session
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New York

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

1. AfricaCERT
2. Centre for Information Technology Law Studies, University of Chile’s School of Law
3. Centre of Excellence for National Security, Nanyang Technological University
4. Citizen Lab
5. Commonwealth Centre for eGovernance
6. Consultancy Support Services (CS2) Limited
7. CyberGreen
8. CyberPeace Institute
9. Cybersecurity Tech Accord
10. DXC Technology Company
11. Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST)
12. Fujitsu
13. Fundación Karisma
14. Global Cyber Alliance
15. Global Forum on Cyber Expertise
16. Global Partners Digital
17. Hague Centre for Strategic Studies
18. Hitachi
19. International Studies Association
20. IPANDETEC
22. Microsoft Corporation
23. Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
24. NSR (National Security Research Institute)
25. Oxford Institute for Law, Ethics and Armed Conflict (ELAC)
26. R Street Institute
27. Rapid7
28. Red en Defensa de Los Derechos Digitales (R3D)
29. Tuwindi
30. World Economic Forum

Annex B: List of participating non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC Consultative Status (for information purposes only)

1. Access Now
2. Article 19
3. Association for Progressive Communications
4. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
5. EastWest Institute
6. ICT for Peace Foundation
7. Igarapé Institute
8. Institute for Security and Safety (ISS) GmbH
9. Kondrad Adenauer Stiftung
10. Media Foundation for West Africa
11. OISTE Foundation
12. Soka Gakkai International
13. US Council for International Business
14. Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom