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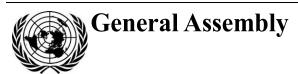
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**Open-ended working group on security of and
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technologies 2021–2025**
First substantive session
New York, 13–17 December 2021

Provisional programme of work

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, will be held at 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 on the website of the working group at https://meetings.unoda.org/meeting/oewg-ict-2021/.

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Annex

Provisional programme of work

Date/time	Agenda item/programme
Monday, 13 December	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Opening of the session
	Opening statements
	Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Izumi Nakamitsu
	Chair of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, Burhan Gafoor
	Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security, Jürg Lauber (pre-recorded)
	Chair of the Group of Governmental Experts on Advancing Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace in the Context of International Security, Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota (pre-recorded)
	3. Organization of work
	4. General exchange of views
3–6 p.m.	4. General exchange of views (*continued*)
Tuesday, 14 December	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4. General exchange of views (*continued*)
3–6 p.m.	5. Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240:
	(d) 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.	5. Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240: (*continued*)
	(a) 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

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	Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies
3–6 p.m.	5. Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240: (*continued*)
	(e) 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.	5. Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240: (*continued*)
	(f) Confidence-building measures
	Initiatives of States aimed at ensuring security in the use of information and communications technologies
3–6 p.m.	5. Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240: (*continued*)
	(g) 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.	5. Discussions on substantive issues contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 75/240: (*continued*)
	(c) 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.	6. Other matters
	Closing of the session
	Concluding remarks by the Chair

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