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Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security

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[on the report of the First Committee ([A/79/403](#), para. 8)]

79/237. 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](#)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [75/240](#) of 31 December 2020 and [76/19](#) of 6 December 2021, and noting that the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies established pursuant to resolution [75/240](#) (OEWG) held its organizational session and its first substantive session in 2021, its second and third substantive sessions in 2022, its fourth, fifth and sixth substantive sessions in 2023 and its seventh and eighth substantive sessions in 2024,

Recalling also its decisions [77/512](#) of 7 December 2022 and [78/541](#) of 22 December 2023, including to convene additional intersessional meetings across 2024 and 2025,

Recalling further that, at its eighth substantive session, on 12 July 2024, the open-ended working group considered its third annual progress report, decided to include in its report the outcome of the substantive discussions of the working group as contained in the annex to document [A/79/214](#) and subsequently issued a compendium of statements in explanation of position on the adoption of the third annual progress report as document [A/AC.292/2024/INF/5](#),

1. *Decides* to endorse the third annual progress report of the OEWG as contained in document [A/79/214](#);
2. *Welcomes* the consensus achieved within the OEWG to:
 - (a) Recommend the establishment of the future permanent mechanism based on the consensus elements contained in the paper entitled “Elements for the Open-Ended Action-Oriented Permanent Mechanism on ICT Security in the context of



international security” as contained in document [A/79/214](#) in order to ensure a seamless transition from the OEWG to the future permanent mechanism;

(b) Continue discussions within the current OEWG and to submit recommendations in the Final Report of the OEWG to be adopted in July 2025 on: (i) modalities on the participation of other interested parties and stakeholders, including businesses, non-governmental organizations and academia, in the future permanent mechanism; (ii) dedicated thematic groups of the future permanent mechanism; and (iii) other elements as required;

(c) Recommend that the future permanent mechanism would facilitate the continued operationalization and further development of all existing initiatives set up under the auspices of the OEWG 2021–2025 and/or other previous processes, including, *inter alia*, the Global POC Directory and the Global Roundtable on ICT security capacity-building;

3. *Emphasizes* that the open-ended working group itself serves as a confidence-building measure, and in this regard recognizes the need to facilitate inclusive participation, including the participation of all delegations in an inclusive manner and on equal footing;

4. *Decides* to convene additional intersessional meetings of up to 10 days across 2024 and 2025, to advance discussions, build on the annual progress reports, and support the continued work of the open-ended working group in accordance with its mandate pursuant to resolution [75/240](#);

5. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eightieth session the item entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”.

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24 December 2024
