



**Statement**

**Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia  
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

**Thematic debate "Other disarmament measures and international  
security"**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. I am pleased to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. The Movement highlights the important socio-economic opportunities, in particular for developing countries, provided by Information and communication technologies, and underscores the need to prevent all discriminatory practices and policies that hinder access by developing countries to the benefits of information and communication technologies. NAM notes with concern cases of the illegal use of new Information and Communications Technologies, including social networks, to the detriment of Member States of the Movement, and expresses its strongest rejection of those violations.
3. As the use of information and communication technologies has the potential to endanger international peace and security, countering such emerging security challenges and reducing their risk is essential. Development of a legal framework to address these issues should be pursued within the UN with the active and equal participation of all States.
4. The Movement stresses the importance of ensuring that the use of such technologies is fully in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, International Law and, especially, the principles of sovereignty, non-interference in the internal affairs and internationally-known rules of peaceful coexistence among States.

5. NAM stresses the central role of the UN on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, and emphasizes the necessity to continue the discussion at the United Nations in order to ensure transparent and inclusive participation of all UN Member States on an equal footing, including to consider the establishment of an Open-Ended Working Group of the General Assembly.
6. NAM calls for transparency and strict application of the principle of equitable geographical representation, including, in particular in the composition of the Groups of Governmental Experts established in the field of disarmament and international security. The movement also underlines the importance of transparency and openness of the work of such groups. In this regard, NAM highlights that keen interest was expressed by many developing countries to meaningfully contribute to the subject of ICTs in the context of international security and deeply regrets that their request for participation in the recently constituted GGE was not considered.

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7. The Movement also emphasizes the importance of observance of environmental norms in the preparation and implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements. Furthermore, the Movement reaffirms that international disarmament forums should take fully into account the relevant environmental norms in negotiating treaties and agreements on disarmament and arms limitation, and that all States, through their actions, should contribute fully to ensuring compliance with the aforementioned norms in the

implementation of treaties and conventions to which they are parties.

8. Finally, NAM would like to draw attention to the resolutions that it is presenting in this cluster, as follows:

- 1) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;
- 2) Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace;
- 3) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation; and
- 4) Relationship between disarmament and development.

The Movement will welcome support from all Member States.

Thank you