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**Statement**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation would like to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the United Nations Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the context of international security.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The Lao PDR aligns itself with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

My delegation welcomes the convening of the OEWG, which provides a good opportunity for all member states of the United Nations to share views on this important issue, especially to further develop rules, norms and principles of responsible behavior of States in the field of information and telecommunication in the context of international security. Therefore, I wish like to make, inter alia, the following points:

**First**, the Lao PDR stress the need to protect the use of ICTs for the common good of humankind which is a key element in advancing sustainable development and ultimately in achieving the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, the use of ICTs should remain solely for peaceful purpose.

**Second**, the Lao PDR emphasizes it is of utmost importance that the use of ICTs should be in accordance with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, international law, especially, the principles of sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs and the well-established principle of peaceful coexistence among States.

**Third**, the malicious use of ICTs that threatens or causes damage to the national security of member states should be refrained.

**Fourth**, the Lao PDR supports the international cooperation to prevent the threats in this field. The United Nations needs to further promote dialogue among Member States to develop common understanding on the security of the use of ICTs as well as in developing and

cooperating on the application of the international law and norms, rules and principles for responsible states behavior ; and

**Fifth**, The Lao PDR also supports international negotiations to establish international rules and principles to promote the use of ICTs for peaceful purposes to maintain security in cyberspace.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In conclusion, the Lao PDR emphasizes that the respect of rules, norms, principles and international law is one of the most effective ways to maintain security, and preserve a peaceful in cyberspace.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairman,**