United Nations A/C.1/74/L.50/Rev.1

General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
31 October 2019
English
Original: English/Russian

**Seventy-fourth session**
**First Committee**
Agenda item 93
**Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security**

**Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): revised draft resolution**

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

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/103 of 9 December 1981, 43/78 H of 7 December 1988, 53/70 of 4 December 1998, 54/49 of 1 December 1999, 55/28 of 20 November 2000, 56/19 of 29 November 2001, 57/53 of 22 November 2002, 58/32 of 8 December 2003, 59/61 of 3 December 2004, 60/45 of 8 December 2005, 61/54 of 6 December 2006, 62/17 of 5 December 2007, 63/37 of 2 December 2008, 64/25 of 2 December 2009, 65/41 of 8 December 2010, 66/24 of 2 December 2011, 67/27 of 3 December 2012, 68/243 of 27 December 2013, 69/28 of 2 December 2014, 70/237 of 23 December 2015, 71/28 of 5 December 2016 and 73/27 of 5 December 2018,

*Underscoring* the aspirations of the international community to the peaceful use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) for the common good of humankind and to further the sustainable development of all countries, irrespective of their scientific and technological development,

*Stressing* that it is in the interest of States to promote the use of ICTs for peaceful purposes and in preventing conflict arising from the use of ICTs,

*Expressing concern* that a number of States are developing ICT capabilities for military purposes and the use of ICTs in future conflicts between States is becoming more likely,

*Considering* that it is necessary to prevent the use of information resources or technologies for criminal or terrorist purposes,



Please recycle

*Underlining* the importance of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in the use of information and communications technologies,

*Noting* that capacity-building is essential for cooperation of States and confidence-building in the field of ICT security,

*Recognizing* that some States may require assistance in their efforts to bridge the divide in the security of ICTs and their use,

*Affirming* that capacity-building measures should seek to promote the use of ICTs for peaceful purposes,

*Noting* the leading role of the United Nations in promoting dialogue among Member States to develop common understandings on the security of and in the use of ICTs, as well as in developing common understandings on the international legal regulation of the activities of States in the ICT field and norms, rules and principles for responsible State behaviour in this sphere, and that the United Nations should encourage regional efforts, promote confidence-building and transparency measures and support capacity-building and the dissemination of best practices,

*Recognizing* the importance of the efforts made in this direction by the Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security in previous years,

*Stressing* the need to ensure the integrity and continuity of the negotiation process on security in the use of ICTs under United Nations auspices,

1. *Welcomes* the launch of the negotiation process in the format of the United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security, and also welcomes the Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security;

2. *Underlines* that the Open-ended Working Group and the Group of Governmental Experts are important independent mechanisms under United Nations auspices, which should conduct their work in accordance with their mandates in a constructive and pragmatic manner, adding to each other's efforts, and their results should contribute to the implementation of the tasks of maintaining international peace and security in the use of ICTs;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security".