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Statement of Mr. Nazim Khaldi,

First Secretary

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**Mr. Chairman,**

The imperative of building and maintaining international peace, security, cooperation and trust among States in the ICT environment has never been so clear.

In fact, the evolving threats emanating from the malicious use of information and communication technologies as well as the increasing number of cyber-attacks on critical infrastructures of States, are deeply alarming and require a collective response.

In this context, Algeria cannot stress enough the vital importance of ensuring that the use of ICTs is in full respect of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, international law and, especially, the principles of sovereignty, sovereign equality, non-interference in internal affairs, refraining from the threat or use of force in international relations, peaceful settlement of disputes, respect for human rights, and in compliance with the principle of peaceful coexistence among States.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Algeria is encouraged by the positive progress imprinted by the successful conclusion, in 2021, of the Open-ended Working Group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security and the GGE on advancing responsible State behavior in cyberspace.

The consensual adoption of their final reports generated a positive momentum in the multilateral efforts on ICTs in the context of international security and provided a significant foundation to peruse our deliberations in this domain.

It is in this vein, that Algeria supported and welcomed the launch, under the UN auspices, of the new open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies, established pursuant to the UNGA Resolution 75/240, under the chairmanship of Singapore, as the only inclusive mechanism, based on consensus, with the active and equal participation of all States.

Algeria remains convinced, that the current OEWG represents a significant milestone in international cooperation towards an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful ICT environment.

Much remains to be done but this new OEWG offers again a unique forum to have not only, a better grasp on the critical issues related to the evolving threats emanating from the malicious use of ICTs, but also to continue working collectively to overcome these challenges.

While we reiterate our strong support to this new OEWG as well as our endeavor to continue working constructively with all the Member States for its success in 2025, we welcome the adoption of the OEWG's first annual progress report by consensus in July 2022.

We sincerely hope that this consensus spirit will preside over the remaining sessions of this OEWG which constitutes an important confidence building measure.

We also hope that regional and subregional organizations could continue to play an important role in advancing this process forward.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The international community's ability to prevent or mitigate the impact of malicious ICT activity depends on the capacity of each State to prepare and respond. Therefore, building and strengthening the capacities of States in this domain is an urgent necessity.

To this end, Algeria considers that the current OEWG must be able to determine, before the end of its mandate, the appropriate mechanisms to ensure the provision of assistance and cooperation by States and private sector, to developing countries, upon their request. Such assistance should also include financial resources, capacity-building programs and technology transfer in ICT areas, while taking into account the specific needs and particularities of each recipient State.

At the same time, the current OEWG shall remain the best platform to discuss and develop all relevant initiatives of Member States aiming at maintaining peace and security in cyber-space.

Finally, my delegation associates itself with the statements delivered earlier on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Arab Group under this cluster.

**I thank you.**