Talking Points by the Delegation of Indonesia OEWG on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, Informal Virtual Meeting, 18-22 February 2021

Mr. Chair,

- 1. At the outset, we would like to express our appreciation to the Chair of the OEWG, Ambassador Lauber, for his efforts and leadership in organizing this informal meeting during the current pandemic. We also thank the Chair and his excellent team for having prepared and circulated the zero-draft report as the basis of our negotiation.
- 2. We support and appreciate that the zero-draft report has been accommodating various proposals and concerns of Indonesia.
- 3. We reiterate Indonesia's position regarding the importance of OEWG as a multilateral dialogue framework that is inclusive and involves multi-stakeholders consultation. This process does not belong to any single state, but rather, the ownership goes to all UN member countries.

Mr. Chair,

- 4. We do see the merit of allowing extra time and space for deliberation and negotiations of our draft report with a view to addressing a number of pending matters. On the other hand, we are also cognizant of the high number of meetings at the UN Headquarters this year which may be limiting the number of vacant schedules and venues.
- 5. Indonesia, in this regard, wishes to extend its flexibility over the priority of providing the best possible avenues for the OEWG to reach a consensus outcome.
- 6. At this juncture, we wish to underline that, in achieving a consensus outcome, we need to focus on various common positions and convergence issues and find balance to bridge the divergences. We also hope that all UN Member States can continue their active, positive and constructive engagements on the deliberation towards the successful adoption of our report.

Mr. Chair,

- 7. On the zero-draft report, we believe that the use of UN agreed and consensus language may enhance our possibility to widen areas of convergence. In this context, I would like to echo African Group and Egypt's proposal to amend the words "vulnerable populations" in Paragraph 24 with agreed language based on Resolution 70/1 (2015) on Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, where it uses terms "persons in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries".
- 8. We are also of the view that the report should contain references to the next OEWG with a view to ensuring the continuity and sustainability of the current outcomes and future processes.
- 9. In our final report, we also wish to see the inclusion of the need for the OEWG to identify gaps in the application of international law in cyber space and efforts to overcome this issue, taking into account the development and uniqueness of ICT environments and cyber space.

- 10. On CBMs, we are happy with this part on zero draft, especially on measures to strengthening the transparency of state practices in norms implementation and the application of international law in cyberspace. In this case, we would like to extend our support to the inclusion of voluntary national surveys initiatives on our final report, as mentioned by South Africa.
- 11. We are also of the view that the report should underline the need to strengthen understanding, awareness and engagement related to cybersecurity and ICT in the context of international security of all UN member countries, especially those regions and sub-regions where ICT and technical capabilities are still lacking or where they are yet to partake in this discourse.
- 12. We also see the need for the report to mention that capacity building in cybersecurity should not aim at non-peaceful purposes or support any threats to the security and sovereignty of other countries.
- 13. We will provide our intervention in writing, and look forward to engaging constructively in the upcoming negotiation process.

Thank you.