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Permanent Mission of Switzerland  
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To all Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers  
to the United Nations  
New York

New York, 21.08.2019

Excellency,

I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

Following the organizational session on 3 June 2019, the OEWG will hold its first substantive session from 9 to 13 September 2019 in Conference Room 4 at UN Headquarters in New York. The draft organization of work for the first substantive session ([A/AC.290/2019/2](#)) has been circulated by the Secretariat to all Permanent Missions and Observer Missions.

For the general exchange of views on Monday, 9 September and Tuesday, 10 September, I encourage delegations to elaborate on the elements and issues that matter most to them and share their views on what they believe the OEWG should achieve by its final substantial session in July 2020. As we expect a large number of delegations to take the floor, it is suggested to limit statements to 5 minutes. Full statements will be made available on PaperSmart after the session.

Please find enclosed the tentative list of experts who will make short presentations at the beginning of each of the six 3-hour segments on the areas outlined in paragraph 5 (a)-(f) of the provisional agenda of the OEWG ([A/AC.290/2019/1](#)). After their presentations, experts will take questions from delegations. An interactive discussion among delegations will follow and delegations are invited to make statements on the issues under the respective agenda item.

Finally, I have the pleasure to extend an invitation to a cocktail reception to all Heads of Delegations for Tuesday, 10 September 2019, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland (encl.).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Jürg Lauber  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  
Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group

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À tous les représentants permanents et  
observateurs permanents  
aux Nations Unies  
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Excellence,

J'ai l'honneur de m'adresser à vous en ma qualité de Président du Groupe de travail à composition non limitée sur les progrès de l'informatique et des télécommunications et sécurité internationale.

Suite à la session organisationnelle du 3 juin 2019, le Groupe tiendra sa première session de fond du 9 au 13 septembre 2019 dans la salle de conférence 4 au siège des Nations Unies à New York. Le projet d'organisation des travaux de la première session de fond ([A/AC.290/2019/2](#)) a été distribué par le Secrétariat à toutes les missions permanentes et missions d'observateurs.

Lors de l'échange de vues général des lundi 9 et mardi 10 septembre, j'encourage les délégations à préciser les éléments et sujets qui leur importent le plus, ainsi qu'à partager leurs points de vue sur ce que, selon eux, le Groupe devrait atteindre d'ici à la fin de sa dernière session de fond en juillet 2020. Comme nous nous attendons à ce qu'un grand nombre de délégations prennent la parole, il est recommandé de limiter la durée des déclarations à cinq minutes. Les déclarations complètes seront disponibles sur PaperSmart après la session.

Vous trouvez en annexe la liste des experts qui feront de brèves présentations au début de chacun des six segments de trois heures consacrés aux domaines décrits aux paragraphes 5 (a)-(f) de l'ordre du jour provisoire du Groupe ([A/AC.290/2019/1](#)). Après leurs présentations, les experts répondront aux questions des délégations. Une discussion interactive suivra et les délégations sont invitées à faire des déclarations sur les questions du point de l'ordre du jour correspondant.

Finalement, j'ai le plaisir d'inviter tous les chefs de délégation à une réception le mardi 10 septembre 2019 de 18h30 à 20h30, à la Mission permanente de la Suisse (annexe).

Veuillez agréer, Excellence, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Jürg Lauber  
Ambassadeur  
Représentant permanent  
Président du Groupe de travail à composition non-limitée

Annexes.

## **Annex 1**

List of experts for the presentations on the six areas outlined in paragraph 5 (a)-(f) of the provisional agenda of the OEWG (A/AC.290/2019.1)

### **Wednesday, 11 September**

#### **Existing and potential threats**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mr. Anton Shingarev  
UNIDIR Support Team to General Assembly  
processes pursuant to resolutions 73/27 and  
73/266

Her Excellency  
Ms. Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar  
Ambassador for Cybersecurity and Member  
of the Group of Governmental Experts  
Estonia

#### **International Law**

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Ms. Camino Kavanagh  
UNIDIR Support Team to General  
Assembly processes pursuant to  
resolutions 73/27 and 73/266

Mr. Benjamin Ang  
Senior Fellow / Head  
Cyber and Homeland Defence Centre of  
Excellence for National Security (CENS)  
S. Rajaratnam School of International  
Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological  
University  
Singapore

### **Thursday, 12 September**

#### **Rules, norms and principles**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ms. Camino Kavanagh  
UNIDIR Support Team to General  
Assembly processes pursuant to  
resolutions 73/27 and 73/266

Her Excellency  
Ms. Latha Reddy  
Distinguished Fellow  
Observer Research Foundation and Co-  
Chair of the Global Commission on the  
Stability of Cyberspace  
India

**Regular institutional dialogue**

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Ms. Kerstin Vignard  
Head, UNIDIR Support Team to General  
Assembly processes pursuant to resolutions  
73/27 and 73/266

**Friday, 13 September**

**Confidence-building measures**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ms. Szilvia Tóth  
Cyber Security Officer  
Transnational Threats Department  
Secretariat of the Organization for Security  
and Co-operation (OSCE)

Mr. Gerardo Isaac Morales Tenorio  
Deputy Director-General  
Multidimensional Security and Member of  
the Group of Governmental Experts  
Mexico

**Capacity-building**

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Mr. Sherif Hashem  
Visiting Professor  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute and  
former Member of the Group of  
Governmental Experts  
Egypt

Ms. Katherine Getao  
Chief Executive Officer  
ICT Authority of Kenya and Member of the  
Group of Governmental Experts  
Kenya

Ms. Carmen Gonsalves  
Head  
International Cyber Policy  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Member of  
the Group of Governmental Experts  
The Netherlands

## Annex 2

### Invitation to a cocktail reception

*On the occasion of the first substantive session of the Open-ended Working Group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security*



*The Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland  
to the United Nations  
Jürg Lauber*

*requests the pleasure of the company of the  
Head of Delegation*

*at a reception on Tuesday, 10 September 2019  
from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm*

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