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REFERENCE : ODA-2019-00031/ICT-NGOs

SUBJECT: GA RES 73/27 “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”
Outcome of non-objection procedure for attendance of non-governmental organizations at the Open-ended Working Group meeting (9-13 September 2019)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 73/27 entitled “Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security”, adopted by the General Assembly on 5 December 2018.

By operative paragraph 5 of the resolution, the General Assembly decided to convene, beginning in 2019, an Open-ended Working Group on information and telecommunications technologies in the context of international security.

In line with the rules and practice of the General Assembly on the participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Office for Disarmament Affairs published on its website, on 14 June 2019, an Aide-Memoire outlining the provisions and accreditation process for NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as well as those without such status wishing to attend the open meetings of the Open-ended Working Group.

In accordance with the decision made by the Open-ended Working Group at its Organizational Session on 3 June, NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC in accordance with resolution 1996/31 were invited to inform the Secretariat of the Working Group about their interest in participating in the work of the Open-ended Working Group. In this regard, eight such NGOs made the request to attend the meetings of the Open-ended Working Group, including its first substantive session, and are listed in Annex B of Notes Verbales 19-271 of 19 July and 19-282 of 5 August.

Requests for accreditation were also received from NGOs without ECOSOC Consultative Status, and a list of 18 such organizations was submitted to the Permanent Missions of Member States in Annex A of the above-referenced Notes Verbales for consideration by Member States on a non-objection basis.

Approval for these 18 NGOs to attend the first substantive session of the Open-ended Working Group (9-13 September) was not obtained.



The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations for their support and to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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