

CLUSTER 5: OTHER DISARMAMENT MEASURES AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

**INDIA'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE- Delivered by Ms. Subhashini Narayanan, Counsellor
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L.55 Promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security

India supports the important role of international cooperation in science and technology for peaceful purposes in facilitating the economic and social development of Member States, particularly developing countries.

We also recognize various provisions contained in international treaties and mandatory obligations relating to non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including to non-State actors, which require regulation of relevant transfers. Countries, including sponsors, themselves exercise such controls on exports at the national level.

There is need for due recognition of these factors and their respective objectives in a careful manner. Undue tinkering with this balance may be fraught with risks.

Therefore, we have abstained on L.55.

L.13 Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security and advancing responsible state behaviour in the use of ICTs

India welcomes the consensus adoption of resolution L.13. India has co-sponsored the draft resolution as the resolution, along with the recent consensus adoption of the final reports of the OEWG and the 6th GGE, creates a constructive and positive multilateral environment to carry forward the dialogue on use and security of ICT between member states.

Apart from recognising the important work done by the OEWG and the previous GGEs, the resolution also ensures that their outcomes form the basis for the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of ICT 2021-2025, thereby preserving the considerable body of work done by these Groups. India welcomes this approach.

We look forward to continuation of this constructive approach in the new OEWG as well in the coming days to build on the foundation laid by the successful conclusion of the UN-mandated dialogue processes in 2021 in addressing the challenges faced by member states in ICT domain.

I thank you.