The UN, Cyberspace and International Peace & Security

Wednesday, 5 October 2016
13h15–14h45, UNHQ room CR 8

Work undertaken in recent years by the United Nations Groups of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security has significantly altered the political landscape for international cooperation on security issues in cyberspace. A new, expanded GGE started work in August with the mandate to continue to study, with a view to promoting common understandings, existing and potential threats in the sphere of information security and possible cooperative measures to address them.

In order to respond to the growing interest of Member States and other stakeholders in the international peace and security dimensions of cyberspace, this side event will consider: the GGE process itself; how the GGE is unique and distinct from other UN activities on cyber issues; and what is being done to ensure that no State is “left behind” in the cyber security policy discussion.

AGENDA

13h15–13h20 Welcoming remarks
Kerstin Vignard, Deputy to the Director, UNIDIR

13h20–13h25 Introductory remarks
Thomas Markram, Director and Deputy to the High Representative, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs

13h25–13h40 GGE 2016–2017: State of Play and Outlook
Karsten Geier, Chairman of the 2016-2017 GGE

13h40-13h55 Mapping cybersecurity issues in the UN family
Camino Kavanagh, independent analyst

13h55-14h10 Capacity building: trends, lessons and gaps
Daniel Stauffacher, President ICT4Peace

14h10-14h45 Discussion

Sandwiches will be available before the event

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