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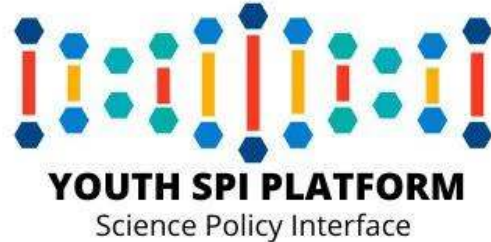
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Joint Statement

Stakeholder Segment

Global Mechanism on developments in the field of ICTs in the context of international security and advancing responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs

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Madam Chair,

I have the honour to take the floor on behalf of the **Major Group for Children and Youth**¹, the mandated children and youth constituency at the UN, representing over 20,000 youth organisations.

Excellencies, Cybersecurity risks and automated exploits are escalating at unprecedented speed today.

Dual-use technologies, from AI-driven malware to deepfake social engineering, are being weaponized to target digital spaces.

When everyday ICT tools are repurposed for malicious cyber activities, it is young people who face immediate attacks to their digital safety and rights.

In this context, please allow us to deliver the following demands on behalf of children and youth:

First, Member States must consider age-related disaggregated data on malicious ICT activity in their submissions under this pillar. We call upon delegations to consider General Comment No. 25 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, which establishes that rights of children apply fully and equally in the digital environment.

Second, for capacity-building, we call for the establishment of a dedicated youth track within the Mechanism's sponsorship and capacity-building activities.

¹The Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) is the UN General Assembly-mandated official, formal and self-organised space for children and youth (aged below 30) to contribute to and engage in certain intergovernmental and allied policy processes at the UN since 1992.

Such activities must be modeled on successful examples of capacity-building in the UN System, such as the Women in International Security and Cyberspace Fellowship of the UN Institute for Disarmament Research, which effectively integrates young technical experts in national delegations.

Third, consistent with the Youth, Peace and Security agenda under Security Council resolution 2250, we call for meaningful engagement with young people to be recognized by the Mechanism as a confidence-building measure in its own right.

Madam Chair,

Please allow me now to turn to the issue of stakeholder participation.

My delegation thanks you for your letter dated First June, and for your tireless efforts to uphold the transparency required by the modalities document (A/80/257).

We note that these modalities were agreed by consensus on the understanding that inclusivity would be the norm and objection would be the exception.

But objections that are lodged against more than sixty stakeholder entities without any stated basis whatsoever cannot be considered as inclusivity.

We call on Member States to honour the multistakeholder principles that they affirmed in both the Global Digital Compact and the WSIS+20 review, by disclosing the basis of their objections.

In this context, we thank the distinguished delegation of the European Union and its Member States for acting as a leading example of transparency pertaining to objections.

We fully support the Chair's efforts for mediation but further demand that this Mechanism work toward transparent, criteria-based accreditation practices to ensure predictable, principled, and objective procedures concerning stakeholder participation.

Madam Chair,

Excellencies,

An open, secure, stable, accessible, peaceful and interoperable ICT environment cannot, and will never be built behind closed doors.

Such an environment must be built hand in hand with all stakeholders and rightsholders at the table, placing intergenerational solidarity as one of its key priorities.

Just like many of our other distinguished stakeholder colleagues present here today, children and youth remain ready to bring constructive contributions to the Mechanism, but we can only do so through the undertaking of Member States.

I thank you.