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The Global Conference on Cyberspace on 16-17 April 2015 in the Hague is the fourth in a series of cyberspace conferences after London 2011, Budapest 2012 and Seoul 2013. The Conference will bring together the cyberspace dimensions of freedom, security and growth and will launch a capacity building initiative - the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise. It will focus on wealth and welfare potential of cyberspace by developing and maintaining safe ways to do business online, protecting freedom online, combating cybercrime and promoting international stability in the cyber domain.

In line with the recently adopted Council Conclusions on Cyber Diplomacy¹ which encourage the EU and its Member States to contribute to the positive development and progress of the “London process” while ensuring a minimum of consistency of the messages delivered from the EU side to the stakeholders at The Hague Conference, the Presidency has prepared the draft lines To Take as set out in the Annex, which are not intended as a legally binding text to be delivered *ne varietur*.

¹ doc. 6122/15.

Draft Lines To Take

Global Conference on Cyberspace 2015

In order to use the full potential of cyberspace, we should work together globally in a multi-stakeholders settings to make sure it remains a free, open and secure, and an enabler of growth and prosperity.

The EU views the London Process as an important vehicle to develop a common understanding among stakeholders on how to preserve positive aspects of cyberspace and on the work towards defining universal norms, and supports the work the Netherlands has done to take this forward through The Hague Conference.

The EU and its Member States, in line with the recently adopted Council Conclusions on Cyber Diplomacy², shall:

On Freedom

- Uphold fundamental rights and freedoms in cyberspace, in particular the right to privacy, the personal data protection, access to information and the right to freedom of expression;
- Establish concrete measures to ensure private communications online and end user trust and confidence in cyberspace;
- Protect human rights of victims of crime in cyberspace through effective investigations and prosecutions, with full respect to international law and fundamental rights;
- Exchange knowledge, experience and good practices to overcome data protection challenges linked to surveillance, interception and large-scale data collection by governments and private companies.

² doc. 6122/15 + COR 1

On Security

- Support the development of norms for responsible state behaviour and of confidence building measures in cyberspace compliant with the existing European and international law;
- Take steps to ensure that the principle of state responsibility for internationally wrongful acts is fully respected and enforced in practice;
- Promote the application of the Budapest Convention as an effective international instrument for the national legal foundation and as a model to be pursued at global level in the fight against cybercrime in general as well as in the search for solutions to the jurisdictional issues in that area;
- Advocate that the Internet, is a universal global resource and its security, stability and reliability maintained and strengthened.

On Growth

- Promote the access to and use of open and secure cyberspace for creating a level-playing field for all economic actors, thereby enabling and accelerating growth, development and innovation worldwide;
- Promote the setting and use of interoperability to enable growth through innovative technologies such as cloud, mobile and social computing and analytical tools applied to Big Data.

On Capacity Building

- Acknowledge the growing importance and necessity of cyber capacity building measures in third countries to improve the accessibility, security and reliability of cyberspace for its users and thereby enhance trust, enable full enjoyment of cyberspace benefits and contribute to economic growth and development.

- Support the development of a comprehensive, coherent and global approach to cyber capacity building, where new initiatives take stock of, build on and complement existing ones and reinforce cooperation and coordination among international stakeholders in tackling cyber challenges.
 - Support the launch of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise by creating new political momentum and means for cyber capacity building, promoting the sharing of expertise and best practices as well as taking stock and keeping an overview on ongoing efforts in the field of cyber capacity building worldwide.
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