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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

CYBER SECURITY

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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM ON CYBER SECURITY

1. Recalling that in the contemporary world not only armed conflicts are a breeding ground for threats against states and citizens,
2. Recognizing the essential role of co-operation between all governments in order to successfully cope with modern security risks,
3. Underlining the fact that cyber attacks have become a serious security threat, which cannot be underestimated,
4. Recognizing that cyber attacks can be a great challenge to governments, because they may destabilize the society, jeopardize the availability of public services and the functioning of vital state infrastructure,
5. Reiterating that any country which relies extensively on information and communication technology may fall victim to cybercrime,
6. Welcoming the discussions in international fora on how to respond effectively to the abuse of cyberspace for criminal and in particular terrorist purposes,
7. Recognizing that cyber security has become a matter of substantial concern to *inter alia* the Council of Europe, the EU, NATO and the UN General Assembly,
8. Reaffirming the role of the OSCE as a regional arrangement under Chapter VIII of the UN Charter and a key instrument for early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation in its area,
9. Reiterating its concern over the persistence of cyber attacks in various places of the OSCE area,
10. Recognizing the previous work done in the OSCE with respect to various aspects of cyber-security, and in particular related to terrorist use of the Internet,
11. Undelining the urgent need for the international community to increase co-operation and information exchange in the field of cyber security, because only with joint and coordinated efforts is it possible to effectively respond to the threats originating from cyber space,
12. Stressing that the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime of 2001 is the only legally binding multilateral instrument specifically addressing the computer-related crime, but it has been ratified by 22 states only,
13. Welcoming the discussions and decisions initiated by NATO, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and elsewhere,

14. Welcoming the fact that several OSCE participating states have already developed and adopted countermeasures against various kinds of cyber threats,
15. Emphasizing the commitment of OSCE participating states to respect and foster the principles of international law.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

16. Expresses its regret that the international community has not been able to agree on specific countermeasures against cyber threats so far;
17. Urges the parliamentarians of the OSCE participating states to intensify their efforts in convincing the parliaments and governments in their countries that threats originating from cyber space are one of the most serious security challenges of present time, which can jeopardize the way of life of modern societies and the whole civilisation;
18. Urges governments to condemn cyber attacks on a moral basis, analogically to trafficking in human beings or to intellectual property piracy, and to create universal rules of conduct in the cyber space;
19. Maintains that the results of a cyber attack against vital state infrastructure does not differ in nature from that of a conventional aggression act;
20. Urges OSCE participating states and all other members of the international community to consider joining the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime and unconditionally follow its provisions;
21. Urges OSCE participating states to consider joining also the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism which offers additional instruments for preventing cyber attacks by terrorist groups and use of the Internet for terrorist purposes;
22. Draws attention to the need to revise existing legal acts concerning cyber security and to find supplementary means, including harmonisation of the relevant legislation of states, and to make international co-operation in the field of cyber security more efficient;
23. Urges all parties involved to search, in good faith, for negotiated solutions in the field of cyber security in order to achieve a comprehensive and lasting settlement which shall be based on the norms and principles of international law;
24. Calls upon all parties to make full use of available dialogue mechanisms and formats in a constructive spirit;

25. Supports all efforts to enhance information exchange on relevant experiences and best practices, involving also relevant actors from the private sector and civil society, and to establish public-private-partnerships in this regard;
26. Encourages OSCE participating states to develop, adopt and implement national action plans on cyber security;
27. Recommends that the OSCE could function as a regional mechanism supporting, coordinating and reviewing the development and implementation of national activities in this field, building on and furthering previous activities related to various aspects of cyber security;
28. Urges OSCE participating states to adopt anticipatory measures in order to prevent security incidents, to increase the security awareness of information and communication technology users;
29. Stresses the need to analyze the sufficiency of existing measures and to supplement them according to the experience gained;
30. Welcomes the proposal to hold a conference or a round-table for OSCE parliamentarians, taking into account and building on previously held OSCE events related to various aspects of cyber security, to gain, through the help of experts, detailed information on all relevant aspects of the issue;
31. Asks the representatives of OSCE participating states to forward this resolution to the governments and parliaments of their countries.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

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