INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SECURITY

Mr. Chairman
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

International information security (IIS) is one of the priority topics that require a detailed multilateral study (review), primarily within the United Nations, because it concerns such international problems of current importance for the entire global community as the use of information and telecommunications technologies for criminal, terrorist and military-political (politic-military) purposes.

Striving to seek a better understanding of the challenges and threats posed to international information security and search for collective (common) ways and means to address them, Russia raised this issue at the UN General Assembly as early as 1998. Since then the UN General Assembly regularly considers and adopts by consensus the resolution entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security".

The Russian initiative is called upon to remove serious concerns that hamper the creation of the global information society, and thus to promote the development of information telecommunications technologies and the dissemination of information.

We note with satisfaction the growing understanding by the world community of the importance, urgency and complexity of international information security issue that is discussed at the international as well as regional levels, including such representative forum as the World Summit on the Information Society held under the auspices of the United Nations in 2003-2005, and the International Telecommunications Union.
Russia proposes to take (implement) specific measures (steps) within the United Nations Organization in order to study (review) the challenges and threats to international information security.

The UN General Assembly during its 60th Session adopted resolution (60/45) that authorized the establishment (creation) on the basis of equitable geographical distribution (fair geographic representation) of the group of governmental experts in 2009 that would carry out this work and prepare a relevant report to the General Assembly.

The subsequent draft resolution on "Developments in the filed of information and telecommunications in the context of international security" is called upon to reaffirm the intent to continue research of international information security issue in all its aspects. Considering that this draft appears to meet the interests of the world community we count on its broad support at the current 62nd Session.

The draft resolution remains open for co-sponsors and we invite all the states willing to do so to subscribe to the draft in this capacity.

Thank you.