Initial Pre-draft of the report of the OEWG on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security

Comments by Thailand

1. Thailand appreciates the Chair for the preparation and circulation of the initial pre-draft report of the OEWG which we deem to be factual, comprehensive, and well balanced.

2. In Paragraph 24 of section C. International Law, we would suggest the usage of the term “customary international law” in place of “international customary law” since the former is the commonly used term when referring to international obligations arising from established international practices, as opposed to obligations arising from formal written conventions and treaties.

3. As per Paragraph 68 of Section H. Conclusions and Recommendations, Thailand welcomes the invitation for Member States to continue discussion on the applicability of international law in the context of State use of ICTs, through the Secretary-General and UNIDIR, and support the request for the International Law Commission to be charged with undertaking a study in this regard. We see merit in streamlining related initiatives where applicable in order avoid duplication.

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