Fourth Parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society
The Triple Challenge of Cyber-Security:
Information, Citizens and Infrastructure

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18 May 2011

15:00 – 15:30	Inaugural Session
15:30 – 16:15	Session One – *Balancing fundamental human rights and security concerns: the critical role of legislators*

The Internet has become a critical tool for businesses and governments. It is also an incredibly rich vehicle for citizens to express themselves. The need to address legitimate security concerns can sometimes create a tension with the right to freedom of expression and respect for privacy. The session will focus on the responsibility of legislators in ensuring that the fundamental rights of the citizens are preserved while providing businesses and governments with appropriate means to respond to the growing security challenges.

16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	Session Two – *Protecting citizens' privacy in the era of social media*

As an unprecedented amount of private information is revealed via online social networks by ordinary citizens, including youngsters, legislators are increasingly called upon to safeguard citizens' privacy and data from commercial and non-commercial actors, as well as from criminal organizations. The session will discuss the impact of the use of social media on users' privacy and the response options available to governing institutions.

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09:00 – 11:15	**Session Three** - *Building confidence and security in cyberspace* *The growing incidence of cybercrime, from spam to financial frauds, risks undermining the willingness to engage in online activities and transactions. This session will focus on the measures that can be adopted to foster an enabling environment for businesses and individuals to confidently use the network for expanding their commercial and economic activities.*
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	**Session Four** - *Enforcing appropriate legal frameworks to fight new and emerging forms of cybercrime* *By adopting appropriate legal frameworks for prosecuting cybercrimes and overseeing their implementation by governments and law-enforcement agencies, parliaments are central actors in the fight against the rising tide of cyber-criminality. The session will focus on the lessons learned in developing legal frameworks to combat new and emerging forms of cybercrime.*
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:45 – 16:15	**Session Five** - *Protecting children online* *The use of the Internet greatly increases the risks that children face from predators. This session will examine some of the special provisions that parliaments may adopt to protect children online based on the work carried out at the international level by the ITU and other international organizations.*
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	**Session Six** - *Ensuring the security of critical infrastructure* *The increasing number of cyber-attacks on national infrastructure, from internal and external sources, is becoming a priority concern for governments. This session will focus on the parliament's role in ensuring that the executive is appropriately building its capacity to respond to these threats and exercise it effectively.*

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09:30 – 11:00	Session Seven – *The parliamentary response: good practices in enhancing cyber-security*
	Law-making in specialized parliamentary committees, oversight over regulatory bodies and scrutiny on governmental actions, targeted hearings and investigations, and representation of citizens and businesses concerns are some of the work being done in parliaments to enhance cyber-security. The session will review good practices and lessons learned by legislatures around the world in responding to the cyber-security challenges.
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	Session Eight - *Inter-parliamentary cooperation for cyber-security*
	The absence of an internationally-agreed legal framework on cyber-security and cybercrime hampers the fight against the growing phenomenon of cyber threats. This session will examine the existing mechanisms for international coordination on cyber-security and discuss options for inter-parliamentary cooperation in support of the global cyber-security agenda.
12:30 – 13:00	Closing Session