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## Webinar

# The role of parliamentarians to advance disarmament in cyber space: a focus on cyber-warfare and peace

**Webinar co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the World Future Council**

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As our dependence on the cyberspace for the execution of critical tasks grows, so does the risks and threats that are posed by malicious actor online. Critical infrastructure, hospitals, electrical grid, banking infrastructure, communication technologies, even certain military aspects of command and control find themselves under the heightened threat of cyberattacks.

Over the past decade the United Nations have addressed the topic under various aspects and more specifically carried efforts towards expanding the application of international law to the cyberspace, building and strengthening norms around the conduct of states online, confidence and capacity building, and general indications of responsible behavior.

More can be found in the UN Disarmament Agenda of 2018 under the section “Ensuring Peace and Stability in Cyberspace”. This section of the Agenda was the starting point for the latest joined publication “[Assuring our Common Future](#)” in which part 3 “Disarmament for future generations” explores examples of good parliamentarian action in the cyber domain and addresses the issues of disarmament, peace and the use of force in cyberspace. Furthermore, the publication also draws from the resolution on “[Cyber-warfare: A serious threat to Peace and Global Security](#)”, adopted by the 132<sup>nd</sup> IPU Assembly in 2015

### Objective of the event

1. Increase awareness of and knowledge on cyber-security, cyber-space and disarmament and help understand the notion of cyberspace as an emerging dimension of warfare.
2. Identify challenges and opportunities that could help parliaments play a more active role in mitigating the negative impact that are linked with cyber-security threats on governmental, societal, and military levels.
3. Share ‘good practices’ and already implemented measures that have helped advance the disarmament processes in the cyber-space.

By gathering parliamentarians, experts, and professional in the field of cybersecurity, technology, and international law, we hope to establish an inter disciplinary dialogue that will enlighten and inform the audience, ultimately working towards exploring the role of parliamentarians in advancing disarmament in cyber space.

**Format:** The webinar will be organized in three parts where initially the speakers introduce their stance in a short opening remark, following what a chaired debate across the panel of expert will take place where each speaker will have an opportunity to further interact on the topic. A Q&A session with the audience will be organised. For those that cannot attend, there is a possibility to send questions to the panel in advance at [alyn@pnnd.org](mailto:alyn@pnnd.org).

**Participants:** The expected audience is a diverse range of parliamentarians, youth volunteers, academics, NGOs and other interested parties. This is all around a great opportunity to raise awareness about cyber security and begin an interdisciplinary conversation on the topic.

**Language:** The event will take place as an online webinar in English and French (simultaneous translation). It will be recorded and available on YouTube and Facebook.

**Registration:** [Click here](#) to register.