Tackling the Proliferation and Irresponsible Use of Commercial Cyber Intrusion Capabilities

Drawing a multi-stakeholder agenda in the wake of the Pall Mall Process launch

OEWG Seventh Substantive Session

Tuesday, March 5th 2024 from 13:15 to 14:30
One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 2nd Ave, New York

On February 6th, France and the United Kingdom brought together a multi-stakeholder coalition to launch the Pall Mall Process, an international effort aimed at exploring policy options and new practices to tackle the threat posed by commercial cyber proliferation and irresponsible use of cyber intrusion tools and services. This joint effort, supported by 25 States alongside industry partners and civil society organizations, builds on the discussions held during the 2023 edition of the Paris Peace Forum and multistakeholder work conducted under the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace since 2018.

An effective response to the proliferation and irresponsible use of commercially available cyber intrusion capabilities faces the remaining challenge of universalizing the effort whilst striking a fair balance with the right of States to ensure their own security. It may also require coordinating the existing efforts among the wider stakeholder community. As part of this, consideration should be given to how these efforts can be reflected in the work of multilateral processes, beginning with the 2021-2025 Open-ended Working Group.

This private workshop will bring together the Paris Call supporters who are involved in the Cyber Mercenary Working Group with entities that attended the inaugural conference of the Pall Mall process. The session will consider priority challenges facing an international approach to the cyber intrusion market that need to be considered – ahead of the 2025 Pall Mall meeting hosted by France. Participants will also be invited to discuss how to connect this initiative with the existing and ongoing work on ICT security at the United Nations, alongside pitfalls to avoid in doing so. Particular attention will be paid to how best to coordinate the actions of non-state actors to make a significant contribution, especially through the Paris Call platform.

Participation in this workshop is by invitation only.

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