INVITATION

The Permanent Missions of Germany, Japan and Senegal, jointly with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), cordially invite you to the OEWG side event on:

**Cyber in Conflict – Upholding the principle of distinction when civilian hackers and companies are drawn into armed conflict**

Monday, 8 July, 01:15 pm, Germany House, Auditorium

Food and beverages will be provided.

Recent years have seen an unprecedented number of civilian non-State hackers conducting cyber operations in the context of armed conflicts, and tech companies have been solicited to provide a range of infrastructure and services to belligerents. This poses several challenges to the effective application and enforcement of the established principles of international humanitarian law, including the principles of humanity, necessity, distinction, proportionality, and precautions.

This side-event explores why and how civilians, hackers and tech companies are drawn into conflict, the risks this entails, and the legal and other normative frameworks applicable to their activities.

**Moderator:** Mr. John Reyels, Head of Cyberstaff, German Federal Foreign Office

**Expert Panelists**

- Mr. Steen Simonsen, Security Consulting Manager, Google Cloud (Mandiant)
- Dr. Aude Gery, Senior Researcher, GEODE
- Dr. Kosuke Onishi, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross

**Opening & Closing**

- H.E. Ambassador Naoki Kumagai, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Policy Bureau and Ambassador in charge of Cyber Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- H.E. Ambassador Diamane Diome, Deputy Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations

Please register via pol-s3-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de. We look forward to welcoming you and have a more than timely discussion with you in New York!