International Security Cyber Issues Workshop Series: The Application of International Law in the Context of International Cybersecurity

19–21 April 2016 Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Tuesday, 19 April 2016

9:15 – 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 – 10:15 Welcoming remarks

Jarmo Sareva, Director, UNIDIR James Lewis, Director and Senior Fellow, CSIS

10:15 – 10:30 Keynote Remarks

Andrei Krutskikh, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation in Information Security

10:30 – 13:00 Session 1. Overview of International Law as It Applies to State Conduct in Cyberspace in Peacetime

- How does international law define responsible State behavior in cyberspace?
- How can existing law best be applied to cyberspace and to State conduct in peacetime?
- Are there useful precedents from other areas of international law that can be applied to cyberspace?
- What are the most important questions to consider in the application of international law for responsible State behavior and cybersecurity?

Moderator — James Lewis

Duncan Hollis, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & James E. Beasley Professor of Law, Temple University School of Law

Jayantha Fernando, Director, Legal Affairs, ICT Agency of Sri Lanka

Catherine Lotrionte, *Director of the Institute for Law, Science and Global Security, Georgetown University*

Karine Bannelier-Christakis, Associate Professor of International Law, Université Grenoble-Alpes

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

Coffee available in front of the meeting room at 14:30

15:00 – 18:00 Session 2. Issues in International Law at Previous UN GGEs

Moderator — James Lewis

Legal advisors from Australia, China, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States who have supported national expert in previous GGEs

18:00 – 19:30 Reception, 8th Floor Delegates' Restaurant

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Coffee available in front of the meeting room at 9:30

10:00 – 13:00 Session 3. The Law of Armed Conflict, and the Implications for the Use of Force and Armed Attack in Cyberspace

- How should we clarify the concepts of use of force and armed attack in cyberspace?
- What are the determinants of necessity and proportionality?
- How do concepts like proportionality, distinction and discrimination apply?

Moderator — Nils Melzer

Liis Vihul, Senior Analyst, Law and Policy Branch, NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence

William Boothby, Former Air Commodore and Deputy Director, Legal Services, Royal Air Force, UK **Terry Gill,** Professor of Military Law, University of Amsterdam & Netherlands Defence Academy **David Simon,** Counsel, Sidley Austin LLP

Michael Schmitt, *Director, Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, United States Naval War College*

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15:00 – 18:00 Session 4. Sovereignty, State Jurisdiction, Territorial Integrity and Non-Intervention

- How does the application of sovereignty shape responsible State behavior?
- What are the limitations of the concept of territorial integrity for cyberspace?
- What is the nature of State jurisdiction over cyber activities and infrastructure?
- How can the concept of neutrality be applied in cyberspace?
- What may be done to respond to violations of the principle of non-intervention?

Moderator — Sean Kanuck

Anatoly Streltsov, *Deputy Director, Institute for Information Security Issues, Moscow State University*

Arun Mohan Sukumar, Head, Cyber Initiative, Observer Research Foundation Eneken Tikk-Ringas, Consulting Senior Fellow, The International Institute for Strategic Studies

Thursday, 21 April 2016

Coffee available in front of the meeting room at 9:30

10:00 – 13:00 Session 5. International Humanitarian Law, Cybersecurity and Human Rights

- How is the development and use of new technology shaped by IHL?
- What cyber actions could justify the use of force in self-defense?
- What are the requirements for evidence and attribution?
- How should we think about combatant status and participation in hostilities?
- How do the doctrines of countermeasure and necessity apply?
- What is the relationship between data protection (and privacy) and cybersecurity?

Moderator — Kerstin Vignard

Elina Noor, Director, Foreign Policy & Security Studies, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

Laurent Gisel, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross Nohyoung Park, Director, Cyber Law Center, Korea University Gary Brown, Professor of Cyber Security, Marine Corps University

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

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15:00 – 18:00 Session 6. Conclusions: Applying International law to the use of ICTs by States

- Where are there significant differences and can they be resolved?
- What would be a good outcome of a future GGE?
- Where are the most promising areas for progress?
- What does the international community need from the application of international law in cyberspace?

Moderator — James Lewis Anatoly Streltsov, Nohyoung Park, Arun Mohan Sukumar, Duncan Hollis, Jayantha Fernando and Elina Noor

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