

Merci Monsieur le President,

Brazil aligns itself to the speech previously delivered by Indonesia on the behalf of the G77 and China.

Please allow me also to thank Madam Secretary General for her introductory remarks, as well as the presentations made by the Secretariat on the background document.

We understand that the mandate of this Intergovernmental Group is particularly relevant given current circumstances, and fully reflects the main lines of action being implemented effectively in this area.

Protection of private data has been recognized as a fundamental right under Brazilian constitution, and the Brazilian National Congress recently passed pieces of legislation aimed at enhancing the protection of personal data and the flow of information on the Internet.

Also, issues such as the need for new rules on the functioning of digital platforms and the multiple implications of artificial intelligence are under consideration in the Brazilian parliament and are gathering great attention from all sectors of Brazilian society.

Brazil also expects that the recommendations that result from this group may contribute to further advance and help us in achieving consensus on the multilateral debate on this topic either within the United Nations, such as in the Global Digital Compact and the follow-up process of the “World Summit on the Information Society - WSIS”, or in other plurilateral fora dealing with the issue of data governance.

Thank you very much.