**International Conference on Cyber Diplomacy**

 **BAKU DECLARATION (25 September, 2024)**

***We,*** the participants of the International Conference on Cyber Diplomacy (ICCD) in Baku on 25 September, 2024, at the invitation of the Special Communication and Information Security State Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the National Institute for Research & Development in Informatics of Romania through its Cyber Diplomacy Center:

***Acknowledging*** that the digital era has transformed societies globally, creating both unprecedented opportunities and complex challenges;

***Valuing*** the people-centric, inclusive, and development-oriented information society, which contribute to a robust global cyber ecosystem;

***Recognizing*** the critical role that international dialogue and cooperation play in addressing cyber threats and promoting an open, secure, stable, accessible, and peaceful cyberspace;

***Being guided*** bythe norms and principles of international law, in particular the Charter of the United Nations, and by norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace;

***Underlining*** the importance of cyber diplomacy in fostering international cooperation, enhancing trust, and addressing cross-border cyber issues effectively;

**Addressing** gender-based cyber threats, such as online harassment and cyber stalking to ensure a safer online environment for all by promoting women’s involvement in cybersecurity initiatives;

**Stressing** the need for use of green energy sources to power information technologies ensuring that environmental considerations are integrated into all aspects of digital policy and practice;

***Concerned***by the rising incidents of cyber-attacks, data breaches, and other malicious activities that threaten global digital infrastructure and economic stability;

***Affirming*** the need for responsible behavior in cyberspace, including transparency in cyber incident reporting and cooperation in incident response;

Hereby,

**Reaffirm** our commitment to an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful cyberspace guided by the international law and norms of responsible state behavior;

**Emphasize** the importance of enhanced global collaboration and information sharing to address and mitigate cyber threats;

**Recognize**that additional norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace could be developed over time;

**Support**the development of international standards and norms for cyber behavior and cyber governance that ensure a safe and open digital environment;

**Advocate** for the promotion of digital rights and the protection of critical digital infrastructure through comprehensive legal and policy frameworks;

**Commit** to fostering dialogue and cooperation among governments, the private sector, and civil society to advance collective cyber security efforts;

**Welcome** agreement on a draft United Nations Cybercrime Convention and look forward to its adoption later this year;

**Welcome** also the adoption of the Global Digital Compact and call for fulfilling the commitments it contains;

**Acknowledge** the critical role of the ICCD and other international platforms in advancing collaboration on cyber diplomacy;

**Commend** Azerbaijan's initiative to adopt the Baku Declaration on Cyber ​​Diplomacy;

**Express** gratitude to the People and Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the warm hospitality.