



**Closing Statement by H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe
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Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

We have thus concluded our interactive dialogue, and I wish to thank all participants for a very interesting exchange of views.

I would now like to take a moment to highlight a few key messages from our event today. First of all, we have agreed that cybersecurity is a global issue that can only be solved through global solutions. It affects each and every one of our organizations and each and every Member State that relies on the internet for the provision of a wide range of services. The UN system is therefore well placed to bring its forces together and cooperate to bring its strategic and analytical capabilities to address this global challenge. As cyberspace is constantly evolving and becoming increasingly important to all sectors of our society (be it education, industry, intellectual property, trade, or health), it is imperative for the UN system and Member States to work together in partnership in order to maximize their strategic and analytical strengths to address current and emerging cyberthreats. The Council must continue to keep its finger on the pulse of this issue, including through the reports of ITU and that of Council's Commission on Science and Technology for Development. Given the importance of this issue, it is my hope that the Council will continue to review this issue in the near future.

Thank you all again.

This meeting is adjourned.