

Feedback received on the BPF Cybersecurity draft output report

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Dear colleagues,

We would like to give a feedback on the BPF Cybersecurity Draft Output report from Switzerland.

We are of the opinion that the report is an excellent mapping of the existing agreements, their overlaps, gaps, as well as remaining and resulting challenges.

In this context, we would like to inform you about the Geneva Dialogue that the FDFA has started last year.

Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders was the objective of Phase 1 of the [Geneva Dialogue on Responsible Behaviour in Cyberspace](#). The Geneva Dialogue also aimed to identify good practices and possible gaps in existing efforts, and to provide recommendations for overcoming such gaps. The Geneva Dialogue was launched in Spring 2018 and is led by a core group that includes the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), the Geneva Internet Platform (GIP)/DiploFoundation, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), ETH Zurich, and the University of Lausanne.

As part of the project, DiploFoundation conducted the [baseline study](#) to map the roles and obligations pertaining to the responsible behaviour in cyberspace of different clusters of actors, including: states, private sector actors, and communities and individuals. The clusters of roles and responsibilities were drawn from an extensive list of policy documents and frameworks, proposals, initiatives, programmes, research, and analyses that have been developed, agreed upon, and promoted by international and intergovernmental organisations, private enterprise and corporations, the technical and academic community, think tanks, and civil society organisations. Attributed, assumed, and proposed roles and responsibilities were all included. Discussions in Geneva resulted in framework documents on the roles and responsibilities of the [private sector](#) as well as [civil society and communities](#), which were prepared by ETH Zurich and the University of Lausanne for further discussion. The [final output document](#) provides a summary analysis of Phase 1.

The Geneva Dialogue will be continued in 2020 and will focus on the roles and responsibilities of the business sector in particular.

Looking forward to seeing you in Berlin next week!

Best regards,

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