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Dear Ambassadors,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the OSCE Security Chat meeting entitled: “The OSCE Framework for Arms Control in an age of Emerging Technologies” co-organised with the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). The event will take place in an online format on 16 June 2021 (16:30 - 18:00 hrs).

The OSCE Security Chat event will be dedicated to the relevance and importance of the 1996 OSCE Framework for Arms Control in this age of emerging technologies. This document was designed to contribute to the further development of the OSCE area as an indivisible common security space by guiding negotiations on measures related to Conventional Arms Control (CAC) and Confidence- and Security-Building Measures (CSBMs).

The event will provide an opportunity to reflect on the relevance of the Framework and its guiding principles in relation to emerging technologies, not only as these are already deployed in modern warfare, but also as they will be implemented in the near future. Through this online Security Chat, four prominent experts will share their academic views on the framework for arms control, current modern weapon systems, and future technologies.

You will find the concept note attached. If you have any questions or would like additional information about this event, please feel free to contact Robin Mossinkoff on content (Robin.Mossinkoff@osce.org) or his colleagues in Conflict Prevention Centre for logistical modalities (fsc.support@osce.org).

The OSCE Security Chat event is open to representatives of international organizations, think tanks and academic institutions, civil society, youth, and the media, subject to prior registration.

We look forward to the participation of many of you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

Encl.: Concept note

To: **Representatives of International Organizations**
Representatives of Think-Tanks and Academic Institutions
Representatives of Civil Society Organizations
Representatives of Media Organizations