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[Transcript] Statement from Giacomo Persi Paoli, UN Institute for Disarmament Research – UNIDIR

Hello! Good afternoon. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak today. I will use these 2 minutes that I've been allocated to bring to your attention our upcoming Cyber Stability Conference. This is one of UNIDIR's annual flagship events. This year, it will take place in New York and online this Thursday and Friday, the 29th of February and the 1st of March. The theme of this year is cyber threats, and we will be using our conference to really dig a bit deeper into different aspects that relate to threats to the digital domain.

Technology, particularly AI, is changing many aspects related to cybersecurity. We will then have a deeper dive into two specific types of attacks: ransomware and supply chain security attacks. The last part of the conference will explore how the landscape of cyber threat actors is evolving. Who are they? How different are they? What kind of purposes and motives do they bring to the table? This conference is meant to support the multilateral diplomatic community that will be meeting in New York for the seventh session of the open-ended working group on information and communication technologies. We've chosen the topic of threats, and more specifically, the three sub-themes that I just presented, because in 2023 alone, over a hundred statements were made by governments and civil society representatives highlighting the importance of really trying to get a better understanding of what these threats are. So, if you haven't registered already, you can do so on our website, unidir.org. If you're in New York, please come in person. If you're not in New York, you can join online. Thank you.