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implications for international peace, security
and development****Security Council
Seventy-fifth year****Identical letters dated 21 February 2020 from the Permanent
Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia concerning the large-scale cyberattack launched against the websites, servers and other operating systems of the Administration of the President of Georgia, the courts, various municipal assemblies, state bodies, private sector organizations and media outlets on 28 October 2019 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kaha **Imnadze**
Permanent Representative



Annex to the identical letters dated 21 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

On 28 October 2019, a large scale cyber-attack was launched against the websites, servers and other operating systems of the Administration of the President of Georgia, the courts, various municipal assemblies, state bodies, private sector organizations and media outlets. As a result of the cyber-attack, the servers and operating systems of these organizations were significantly damaged, severely affecting their functionality.

The above-mentioned cyber-attack was targeted at Georgia's national security and was intended to harm Georgian citizens and government structures by disrupting and paralyzing the functionality of various organizations, thereby causing anxiety among the general public.

The investigation conducted by the Georgian authorities, together with information gathered through cooperation with partners, concluded that this cyber-attack was planned and carried out by the Main Division of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

Georgia condemns this cyber-attack, which goes against international norms and principles, once again infringing Georgia's sovereignty in order to hinder the country's European and Euro-Atlantic integration and democratic development.

The above-mentioned incident emphasizes the importance of the Georgian Government's efforts to strengthen cyber security at the national level and again demonstrates the need to build international partnerships on cyber-security.

Georgia, for its part, will continue close cooperation with partners, strengthening cyber-security at the national level in order to minimize such risks and potential threats in the future. We call on the international community to give an appropriate reaction to this development.
