**Inputs: Report on The Provision of Military and Security Cyber Products and Services by ‘Cyber Mercenaries’ and Its Human Rights Impact**

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In general, I propose that it is important to support binding regulatory mechanism complementary to the existing regulatory framework, specifically the Montreux Document and International Code of Conduct for Private Security Providers(ICoC), and with new technology and cyber security application in consideration. Some specific points are listed as follows for reference.

1. It is important to broaden and integrate the current definition of mercenary, however, cyber mercenary is a quite new term and it is not sure yet whether it should be called cyber mercenaries or in other words. On the other hand, it is rational at the early stage to get started in a feasible way, which a limited scope and accurate definition of cyber mercenaries or like activities with general consensus should be considered. As I understand, the traditional PSCs, for example, most of industry members of ICoCA who have limited involvement in cyber security service, though new technology such as surveillance and drones are used more and more in their current service.

2. The term of “cyber-mercenaries” makes us to pay more attention to “cyber” related security attacks or services, but the popular application of new technology of surveillance devices and drones which seems easily ignored in the term of “cyber-mercenaries”. Based this ground, is it better to define cyber-mercenaries in the limited scope of cyber only related activities, or should also include other new technologies.

3. To be aware and in consideration of some new technology and actors which may play an important role related to mercenary like activities in the future. That is private aerospace companies which in use of their privilege of technology to provide special mission aviation solutions including surveillance in other territories. Recently I read news that some private aerospace companies including the famous ones and others contracted by state actors or non-state actors, which activities may cause tension and impact to human rights and human privacy.