

Dear Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

I am Yuyin Liu, Chief Commissioner of the Asia Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association (AAIA). I am contributing these reflections based on my experience in ongoing multilateral AI discussions.

We appreciate the efforts reflected in the Zero Draft and its reaffirmation that confidence and security in ICTs are crucial for innovation and sustainable development. Today, however, as artificial intelligence reshapes our collective digital trajectory, we must recognize that AI is not simply another ICT tool — it has become a strategic layer that is redefining both development and security.

First, while WSIS has significantly narrowed traditional connectivity divides, AI introduces a deeper structural gap — one defined not by who is connected, but by who holds algorithmic capability, compute power, data sovereignty and the ability to shape AI standards. Without addressing this, we risk entering a world where some nations produce intelligence, while others become permanent recipients of opaque systems they cannot audit or adapt.

Second, in a recent UNIDIR conference, I raised a concern that the nature of AI differs fundamentally from previous technologies in two ways. First, AI is inherently dual-use, serving both development and military purposes through the same foundational models. Second, AI is self-escalating — once AI competition begins, we do not enter a traditional arms race that states can declare or suspend. Instead, we enter an open-ended condition of algorithmic warfare, without a clear point of origin or conclusion, where neither governments nor individuals possess a clear “off switch.”

This nature of AI means that the meaning of security itself is changing. Security in the AI era is not only about preventing cyberattacks — it is about preventing the gradual erosion of human control, agency and accountability.

If we speak of human-centric AI, then we must also speak of human-accountable AI. Responsibility must remain traceable to human decisions — never deferred to autonomous systems.

Third, we welcome the capacity-building measures proposed in the Zero Draft. At the same time, we gently observe that capacity-building alone is insufficient without access to core AI infrastructure.

In this regard, we encourage consideration of a voluntary, UN-facilitated mechanism to support access to trusted compute



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resources, open datasets and auditable AI models — not as charity, but as a shared multilateral platform in the spirit of WSIS cooperation.

Excellencies, security must not become a justification for technological exclusion, and development must not become a pathway to dependency. If guided by shared responsibility and humility, WSIS+20 can evolve from an Information Society vision into an era of AI equity, human accountability, and digital dignity for all.

Thank you.

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