Introduction by Foreign Minister Urmas Reinsalu to Arria-Formula Meeting of UN Security Council
"Cyber Stability, Conflict Prevention and Capacity Building"
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Good afternoon, good morning, good evening to everyone who has joined this meeting around the world! It is an honour to welcome you to this Arria-formula meeting of the United Nations Security Council.

A mere two weeks ago, we gathered here, online, to commemorate the end of World War II. The high-level six-hour event was yet another proof that it is possible to continue our daily lives and work even despite the extraordinary circumstances that have kept us locked and blocked in our respective parts of the world.

Let me express my solidarity with all those suffering from the coronavirus disease.

As I highlighted two weeks ago, the Security Council must act and lead by example, and we have to adopt a resolution on COVID19 pandemic. We must carefully scrutinize the security implications of the coronavirus disease and address the global digital divide.

In this context, I would like to convene an international meeting to address the importance of digitalisation in responding to corona crisis and assisting the recovery efforts.

This crisis has also demonstrated how crucial it is to have a safe and reliable digital infrastructure. And how we must collectively work towards a more stable and secure cyberspace.

Today's meeting will focus on just that – how can we promote cyber stability and prevent conflicts while the cyber threats are on the rise? How can we address challenges in cyber space to international peace and security? What are the global, regional and national policy mechanisms that can help us mitigate cyber threats and advance responsible state behavior in cyberspace?

I warmly thank our **co-hosts Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia and Kenya** for their support in organizing this meeting. And I welcome our distinguished briefers as well as more than 50 speakers, **including three Ministers**, together with those who have joined this meeting as listeners. A very warm welcome to all of you from Tallinn.

Today's meeting is live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube, and the recording will remain publicly accessible after the event. We will also issue the Chair's Summary of today's discussion.

The opening remarks will be delivered by the Prime Minister of Estonia, Mr Jüri Ratas. We will then hear three briefings from our **distinguished guest speakers**. Next, I will give the floor to the **Council members** and then, **other member states** will have the opportunity to speak, followed by the representatives of international organisations.

Without further ado, **I would now like to welcome the Prime Minister of Estonia, Mr Jüri Ratas, to open this meeting**.