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Inputs from Fundación Multitudes – WSIS+20 Consultation Rev 2

Dear IMSB team,

On behalf of Fundación Multitudes, I would like to sincerely thank you for the opportunity and the space provided during the WSIS+20 Virtual Consultation on Rev2. We deeply appreciated the chance to participate and share perspectives from Latin America, particularly at the intersection of gender justice, environmental protection, and digital governance.

We also wanted to follow up by reinforcing the key points we raised, as well as additional considerations that are especially relevant for Global South stakeholders, and which we believe are important for the next iteration of the document.

1. Structural inequalities still missing: race, intersectionality, sovereignty

While Rev2 makes important progress, several gaps remain. **Afro-descendant peoples—explicitly recognized in the Pact for the Future—are still not mentioned. Gender references lack an intersectional approach** that accounts for race, ethnicity, class, territory, or disability. Additionally, the **current reference to sovereign equality does not address the real asymmetries that limit countries’ technological autonomy.**

2. Digital public infrastructure and the weakening of paragraph 17

We are concerned about the removal of “do no harm” and empowerment language from paragraph 17. This **shifts digital public infrastructure from a rights-aligned public good to a purely technical asset**, weakening safeguards, accountability, and its potential to strengthen digital sovereignty and inclusive development.

3. Environmental impacts require transparency and justice

Rev2 acknowledges environmental risks but frames them as technical externalities rather than structural injustices. To align with the Pact for the Future, we encourage **explicit inclusion of environmental due diligence, transparency obligations, independent monitoring, and safeguards for communities disproportionately affected by extractive industries and e-waste.**

4. Disinformation as a political, gendered, and racialized harm

We welcome the inclusion of mis/disinformation but believe the current text **does not reflect their differentiated nature**. Evidence from Latin America—including [our research with women environmental defenders](#)—shows how disinformation is used strategically to silence and delegitimize women, and marginalized communities. **We encourage language that acknowledges gendered, racialized, and territorial dimensions of disinformation, particularly for Indigenous, Afro-descendant and environmental defenders.**

5. Positive elements: IGF permanence and Secretariat strengthening

We strongly support making the IGF a permanent UN forum and securing sustainable funding for its

Secretariat. These steps are crucial for ensuring inclusive participation, especially for Global South actors. **As financing discussions advance, we hope the IGF can be further strengthened to address racial, gendered, environmental, and territorial inequalities.**

6. Align WSIS+20 not only with the GDC, but with the Pact for the Future

We encourage explicit reference to the Pact for the Future in paragraph 118. The Pact includes commitments on climate justice, racial equity, Indigenous rights, and protection of women defenders that are not fully captured in the GDC alone.

Once again, thank you for opening this space for dialogue. Fundación Multitudes remains committed to contributing constructively to the WSIS+20 process and to ensuring that Global South, gender, and environmental perspectives continue to be meaningfully reflected.

Warm regards, Fernanda K.



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