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8 Dec Contribution - Avri Doria

Thank you for holding these extended consultations. I very much appreciate the steps taken by WSIS-20 co-facilitators toward a multistakeholder consultation process. I thank you also for mentioning the Sao Paulo Multistakeholder guidelines. Over time I hope to see WSIS follow more of the guidelines in a move toward Multistakeholder decision making. We have come a way since the Tunis Agenda, still have a long way to go, and must guard against slipping backward.

This is especially important with regard to the IGF. Its ability to function as a fully multistakeholder effort needs to be protected.

Intersessional activities, such as the Dynamic Coalition that are related to the IGF, needs to be enhanced as they are important engines of policy development for emergent issues and for capacity building. Its MAG needs to be allowed to develop and to become more than a program committee, as has been recommended many times before. And of course, it needs reliable, adequate, and sustaining financing to be able to do its work.

I join in the calls by Article 19, Nick Ashton-Hart, and others for the restoration of the Human Rights language of Rev0 of the outcome document. In the consultations speakers argued for more support for human rights, yet the language got weaker. Few to none in the consultations made public comments asking for reduced adherence to human rights. This type of inverse effect is not a good indicator of multistakeholder progress. Please restore the human rights language of Rev0!

I also join in the comments of DCAD on the importance of support for accessibility. It is an area where support needs more than words, and as was said the support needs to be more than a token in order for the Internet to fill its obligation to those currently being left behind in the growing accessibility gap.

Good luck with the last mile.

Thank you