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UN DESA DPIDG: Okay, good, good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone.

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UN DESA DPIDG: We will start shortly, so we are waiting for people to join.

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Jutta Croll: Hello, Dennis, can you hear me?

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UN DESA DPIDG: Yes, good morning. Good afternoon, Yuta. Yes, I can hear you.

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Jutta Croll: Thank you.

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UN DESA DPIDG: Good morning, everyone, again. I know it's at the top of the hour, let's just wait 2 more minutes, and then I will give the floor to IMSP.

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UN DESA DPIDG: Okay, jan, I think you can, start now. And, when Ambassador Janina, or,

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UN DESA DPIDG: Ambassador XLR comes, we will alert you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you.

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Jennifer Chung: Dennis.

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Jennifer Chung: So, we just started a little passive time, but good morning, good afternoon, good evening, good day to everyone. Thank you for joining.

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Jennifer Chung: the virtual stakeholder consultations, on Vision 2.

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Jennifer Chung: Hi, my name is Jeff Patron. I am one of the co-containers of the Informal Multisite Understanding Board. We welcome all of you here to give us your thoughts. A quick welcome. And I'd like to give the floor now to Mr. Duong

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Jennifer Chung: True, he is the Director of,

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Jennifer Chung: a new investor, and I'd like to, forward it in for your support. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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Juwang Zhu: Thank you, thank you, Jennifer, and good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Thanks for this opportunity to speak.

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Juwang Zhu: I'm actually just going to be very brief, and basically it's a message of appreciation and gratitude to everyone for your time and support to the

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Juwang Zhu: This isâ€¦ Plus 20 consultation process. We are very,

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Juwang Zhu: Grateful to, everyone, and

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Juwang Zhu: We would like to put on record our sincere appreciations, first to the IMSB for organizing today's consultation, and

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Juwang Zhu: for the continued commitment you have been bringing to the WSIS process. We would also like to thank the co-facilitators from Albania.

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Juwang Zhu: and Kenya. The two ambassadors have been remarkably available and engaged throughout the process, including during the very intensive consultation.

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Juwang Zhu: Consultations, weeks of consultations over the past few months.

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Juwang Zhu: We are equally grateful to our colleagues from UN agencies and the regional commissions for

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Juwang Zhu: Consistently bringing their unique perspectives and technical expertise to the discussions.

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Juwang Zhu: And we also want to acknowledge the entire IGF community.

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Juwang Zhu: including the NRIs for ensuring that their views from all parts of the world would be reflected in the review process.

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Juwang Zhu: process, and that no one would be excluded or left behind in the consultations on the outcome of WASIS prosperity. We're now approaching the final stage.

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Juwang Zhu: of the, with its prosperity Prepare process. As you know, the, GA high-level meeting will be taking place next week. Today's stakeholder inputs onâ€¦

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Juwang Zhu: Rev 2 of the outcome document will be carefully considered. The co-facilitators will receive a full summary of the interventions that we are

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Juwang Zhu: hearing today, and the Secretariat is also following up the consultations very closely. This week, tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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Juwang Zhu: Informal negotiations among member states will continue. So we hope that the next week will be a moment of celebration.

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Juwang Zhu: Marking 20 years ofâ€¦

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Juwang Zhu: of voices, and reaffirming the shared vision that has brought this community together. Many of you have contributed in different ways throughout the year.

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Juwang Zhu: And for those joining us in person next week, there will be a number of side events and opportunities to engage. We look forward to seeing you here. And for those

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Juwang Zhu: Unable to travel, the high-level meeting of the General Assembly will be fully available on the UN and Web TV. We greatly appreciate the time and anyâ€¦

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Juwang Zhu: GU stakeholders have dedicated to this process. WSIS has always belonged to people and to multi-stakeholders, and its mission is,

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Juwang Zhu: Very much a people-centered vision, inclusive and development-oriented. And as we move into the next phase, we should all continue working together to ensure

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Juwang Zhu: that the digital technologies benefit everyone and everywhere. Thank you, Jennifer, for giving us the floor. Back to you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you, very much. I noticed we have, Ambassador Yamila, who has joined us, finding Ambassador Yamila to say a few words of welcome for us.

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Jennifer Chung: Ambuster, you know the QR choice.

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Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you. Thank you, Jennifer. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to all the colleagues that haveâ€¦ that are connected online today, and thank you very much, Jennifer, through you, the sounding board, for creating this opportunity.

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Suela Janina (Albania): And also for inviting us to hear. We'll be all, throughout your connections to hear, so we are still living today in the listening mode, because I believe that it's important that during this last mile of negotiations of WSIS Plus 20, we create the same space for everyone to participate, to engage actively, and to shape the WSIS Plus 20 that

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Suela Janina (Albania): everyone wants to see for the next, decade. So, as, Director Zhuangzhu already, informed you, we have arrived now to the moment that, after, REV2,

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Suela Janina (Albania): So the revision 2 of the document, which has been delivered a few days ago, we are now in the face of preparing for consultations and negotiations with member states that will take place starting from tomorrow, the next three days, and then we'll, as co-facilitators, together with the input that will come from this meeting today, will try to shape the final outcome.



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Suela Janina (Albania): document. There have been a lot of discussion, we've been very pleased for the support that we have.

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Suela Janina (Albania): Had from, all stakeholders in different.

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Suela Janina (Albania): events that we have participated. We are really grateful to everyone for this kind of rich engagement that we have had, especially in important topics that shape WSIS for 20 years and from now, and hopefully to the future. We have been also very much convinced that the multi-stakeholder approach that has characterized WSIS

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Suela Janina (Albania): is an added value for the process. So we tried, as much as we could to involve everyone, to give space to everyone, and to have everyone's opinion,

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Suela Janina (Albania): Reflected on the outcome' on the draft outcome document.

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Suela Janina (Albania): As you may understand, we have had many inputs. It has been not easy to reflect every of them, but we hope very much that everyone will continue to support our work during this last week. It's exactly one week that we have at our disposal. So, besides the fact that we have had a lot of commonalities in our approaches, and especially

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Suela Janina (Albania): This has been reflected in REF 2. There are still some issues that remain pending, so I would like very much to call to everyone.

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Suela Janina (Albania): to guide us on how you'd like to see those topics to be evolved during this last mile of negotiations. I'll try to be brief and to leave more space to all colleagues, because it's more important at this stage to hear from you. And I conclude this one with my thanks and gratitude for everyone's, and as Director Zhu has already mentioned.

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Suela Janina (Albania): I'm looking forward to see everyone in New York and those who cannot manage to follow us very closely during the two days of high-level event. And hopefully, I think that we can be optimistic that the outcome document will be a document that will reflect the developments, the positive achievements, but as well as will be ambitious

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Suela Janina (Albania): for the digital agenda that we hope to see for the future. Thank you very much, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Back to you, Jennifer.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Ambassador Janina.

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Jennifer Chung: So before we go to our first speakers, just a few moments of housekeeping, so you understand how this is going to work for all of you.

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Jennifer Chung: You will see that speakers will be, promoted to panelists to be able to speak. You'll be prompted by Zoom to accept this panelist role. Please do that. Please watch out for this prompt and hit accept, so you're able to turn on your mic and your camera.

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Jennifer Chung: You will all receive 3 minutes to make an intervention based on the input to Revision 2. You'll see a timer.

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Jennifer Chung: On the screen to count you down.

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Jennifer Chung: And then we, of course, encourage specific proposals to be based on the paragraphs. If you are unable to complete your intervention within 3 minutes, you may send your input to the email address that our secretariat will put into the chat.

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Jennifer Chung: Now, you will be able to know when it's your turn, because we will post the speaker's order into the chat every 10 speakers, so I think we already haveâ€¦

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Jennifer Chung: Hopefully, our first 10 speakers over in panelists. I will be advised that that's not the case.

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Jennifer Chung: But without further ado, I would like to give the floor to the very first speaker in the consultation.

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Jennifer Chung: The floor is yours now, Anna Osterlink from Article 19.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: Thank you. Thank you for this opportunity. I'm Anna Oselink, and I speak on behalf of Article 19, a local to global human rights organization focusing on freedom of expression and related rights.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: During our WISS Plus 20 advocacy, Article 19 has collaborated across stakeholder communities, including through the Global Digital Rights Coalition for WISS.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: I would like to start with one general remark.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: And that is on a question that I've heard many times. Sustainable development versus human rights. There is no versus. It's not about choosing one above the other. Sustainable development and human rights are mutually reinforcing. Human rights are universal, belonging to everyone, everywhere, without distinction.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: Therefore, human rights drive the equitable, inclusive, and sustainable development that works for all people, as per the 2030 Agenda.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: Moving to REF 2, in the interest of time, I will focus on the human rights section, and refer to our written inputs for other sections.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: As a general point, we strongly recommend returning to the zero draft in this section, as that represented strong text with all language taken from agreed UN language, and therefore reflecting member states' existing obligations.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: But there are 5 issues that stand out with REF2.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: First.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: Paragraph 67, strengthen the language on human rights due diligence by adding, I quote, regular, comprehensive human rights impact assessments, end quote, in line with OP 20A of Resolution 78-213.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: Add OP20B of Resolution 78-213 as a new or into an existing PARA, reflecting states' existing obligation to refrain from or cease using digital technologies that are fundamentally incompatible with human rights.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: 3. Paris 68 should reflect more comprehensively existing private sector obligations as per the UN guiding principles. 1. All human rights apply to the entire life cycle of all digital technologies, not only new and emerging ones.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: And two, private actors also need to prevent and mitigate harms, and should ensure human oversight, accountability, and legal responsibility.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: Para 73, we suggest returning to the zero draft.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: Reflecting verbatim, PP14 of 78-213, I quote, refrained from undue restrictions such as internet shutdowns.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: arbitrary or unlawful surveillance or online censorship, end quote, which more comprehensively captures the ways in which actors shape, restrict, or shape or restrict or monitor internet access and communication.

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Anna OOSTERLINCK: And then finally, we suggest reinstating paragraph 89 of the zero draft on the crucial question of surveillance, which also includes the narrowly defined principles of legitimacy, legality, necessity, and proportionality in accordance with international human rights law. Thank you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you, Anna.

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Jennifer Chung: And now we go to Ihita.

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Jennifer Chung: I'm sorry, I cannot pronounce yourâ€™ I'll try.



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Jennifer Chung: Aita Gangavarapu?

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Jennifer Chung: The floor is now yours, Ahita.

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Ahita Gangavarapu: Thank you, Jennifer.

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Jennifer Chung: Yes.

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Ahita Gangavarapu: Thank you, Jennifer. Hi everybody, I'm Ahita Gangavarapu, and I'm the coordinator of Youth IGF India. We are a platform recognized by the UNIGF, empowering and engaging youth in the internet governance space.

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Ahita Gangavarapu: We appreciate the efforts made to integrate stakeholder inputs on the Zero Trust, including those from youth communities in the current revision, and we view this as a very encouraging step towards a more inclusive process.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: At the same time, there is still an opportunity to further strengthen the pathways through which these shared aspirations translate into action and accountability.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: A people-centered digital future requires not only common values, but the mechanisms to deliver this. In that spirit, please allow me to highlight four areas within the document. Internet governance, standards, cybersecurity, and youth.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: Within internet governance, we welcome the recognition in paragraph 98 of more than 170 national, regional, and youth IGFs as contributors to the multi-stakeholder ecosystem. We also note paragraph 3, which highlights the importance of participation of all relevant stakeholders, including youth, in shaping the information society.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: To fulfill this vision, we encourage reinforcing terminology such as sustained and meaningful participation of youth and underrepresented groups in governance, policy development, and implementation, rather than limited to participation.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: With standards, paragraph 109 recognizes that international standards are essential for interoperability, innovation, and development of ICDs.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: To support the commitment in paragraph 52 around open, secure, stable, interoperable, and reliable internet standards, the development should remain

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Ihita Gangavarapu: Transparent, inclusive, and multi-stakeholder to ensure that standards support, human rights, accessibility, and fair competition.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: Moving to, cybersecurity, within paragraph 53, which reaffirms that building confidence and security in the use of ICDs must be consistent with international human rights law, and also with 54 paragraph, which recognizes the rise of malicious cyber activities that undermine digital development.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: Our proposal is for paragraphs 69, 70, and 75, make important commitments of human rights, and even explicitly call on states to refrain from internet shutdowns. So to build on these paragraphs, building a strong base.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: The document could more clearly acknowledge the risk of unchecked surveillance, including by encouraging states and companies to adopt robust safeguards against intrusive deployments.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: Lastly, with respect to youth, paragraph 12 recognizes the specific information and technology challenges faced by children and youth.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: However, youth are still primarily framed as beneficiaries rather than co-shapers of digital policy in the document. To achieve this intergenerational fairness, we encourage supporting youth leadership and participation in follow-up and implementation, and a language to support the same.

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Ihita Gangavarapu: Finally, for paragraphs 119 to 127, they defined an important follow-up architecture to 2035,

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Ihita Gangavarapu: To keep the WSIS vision truly people-centered, we would like to see a stronger assurance that youth and other stakeholders will be systematically involved in monitoring, midterm reviews, and in shaping the agenda of 2035 high-level meeting, rather than consulted at the margins. With this, thank you so much for the opportunity.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Ihita.

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Jennifer Chung: Now we turn to Elizabeth Bacon from Public Interest Registry on behalf of TCCM.

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Jennifer Chung: Elizabeth, the floor is yours.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Good morning, co-facilitators, IMSB members, and colleagues. My name is Elizabeth Bacon, and I am a member of the technical community, speaking on behalf of a technical community coalition for multi-stakeholderism.

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Elizabeth Bacon: TCCM is made up of members of the Internet's technical community, the companies, organizations, and groups that operate the critical infrastructure and services at the heart of the Internet.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Our members come from all regions of the world to ensure a global technical community perspective.

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Elizabeth Bacon: We so appreciate this opportunity to comment on Provision 2, and sincerely thank the co-facilitators for their proactive engagement, and commend them for their leadership. We are also grateful to the IMSB for convening today's session, and for their support throughout this process.

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Elizabeth Bacon: TCCM appreciates the careful balance Revision 2 strikes between different interests. The document is a firm foundation for successful conclusion to WISS Plus 20 at the General Assembly next week.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Specifically, we wish to highlight three points in relation to Revision 2.

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Elizabeth Bacon: First, we strongly support a permanent internet governance forum with an opportunityâ€¦ I'm sorry, an appropriately staffed and resourced Secretariat within the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Second, we welcome recognition of the IGF Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group, which provides important strategic guidance for a balanced IGF program.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Third, we support the concrete timeframe for Secretary General's proposal on sustainable IGF funding, including a mix of core UN funding and voluntary contributions. Diverse funding will support ongoing financial stability.

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Elizabeth Bacon: We stand ready to be part of the Secretary General's stakeholder consultation on this important issue.

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Elizabeth Bacon: TCCM believes in an internet that is open, free, global, secure, resilient, and interoperable is vital to realizing the WIS's vision. We are firmly committed to the multi-stakeholder approach as the best way to deliver this, and reiterate our previous comments that also apply to Revision 2.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Again, specifically, we strongly support reaffirmation of the multi-stakeholder cooperation and the commitment to maintaining and improving coordination and cooperation between all stakeholders concerned with the internet.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Governance. We support the reference to the Net MoleDL plus 10 guidelines as a practical measure to achieve this.

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Elizabeth Bacon: We also welcome the recognition of the technical community as a distinct stakeholder group. We support the recognition in revision, too, that fragmentation would undermine. The internet is a critical global facility for inclusive and equitable digital transformation.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Our full statement will be submitted to the record, and we do appreciate this time.

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Elizabeth Bacon: And we thank all of our colleagues, co-facilitators, and IMSB, again, for all of the dedication through this entire process. Thank you so much.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you, Elizabeth.

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Jennifer Chung: Now I go to our next speaker.

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Jennifer Chung: It is, Kusai Al-Shati from 3AF.com.

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Jennifer Chung: This side of the floor is now yours.

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Qusai AlShatty: Apologies, I was muted. Do you hear me, please?

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Jennifer Chung: We can hear you.

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Qusai AlShatty: Yes, please. I we welcome the, revision to,

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Qusai AlShatty: And, the update in Revision 2.

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Qusai AlShatty: Especially, with what is related to internet governance. And we would like, again, to reaffirm that, if we would like to reference, any, third conferences or, events, we would like this to be kept within the conferences or the conventions, that is within the WSIS and the internet governance, or the

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Qusai AlShatty: unrelated.

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Qusai AlShatty: conferences, rather than mentioning third conferences regarding stakeholder participation, or the definition of a stakeholder, or, similar definition as is mentioned in the paragraph of Internet Governance, under the subheading of Internet Governance.

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Qusai AlShatty: Again, we support the definition.

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Qusai AlShatty: of internet governance, as it is mentioned in the revision 2, and as it is referenced in paragraph 34 of the Tunis agenda. That is what we have to mention, and we appreciate that, and thank you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you, Kusai. And now we go to our next speaker, which is AMH Baslur Rahman from the Bangladesh NGO's Network for Radio and Communication.

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Jennifer Chung: Vasta, the floor is now yours.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Distinguished, delegates. It is an honor to deliver this statement on behalf of

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: the Bangladesh NGUS Network for Radio and Communication, Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum, and the effect for the future Bangladesh CSO process.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: We comment the report reflected in the second revision of the WSIS philosophy outcome document. We warmly welcome the progress achieved and congratulate the co-facilitators and IMSB

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: And all delegation on the diligent work that has gone into preparing Revision 2.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: We are also honored to be associated with the Association for Progressive Communication, APC, the Global Digital Justice Forum, and the Global Digital Rights Coalition for WSIS, and the Asia-Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum Working Group for WSIS plus 20. We highly value their contribution to this process.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the pivotal role played by the International Telecommunications Union in steering and in stewarding the WSIS process, and the establishing the WSIS prize, which have helped to showcase

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: concrete.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: And innovative practices from around the world.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Bangladesh and News Network for Radio and Communication has been engaged in the WSIS process since 2000, including throughout the preparatory phase. We are humbled that this effort have been recognized through the

WASIS Prize and eight subsequent WASIS Champion Award. This recognition further strengthened our commitment to advancing people-centered, right-back

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: and development-oriented digital transformation.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Distinguished delegate. To further strengthen implementation, we believe the WSIS action lines C1 to C11 should be revised, revisited in light with the current context.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: explicitly linked with the WSIS plus 20 process, and updated accordingly. In particular, we underscored the importance of four points. Number one, further strengthening the localization of WSIS and IGF implementation at the national level, including through established OPE, National Observatory mechanism.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Number two, ensuring the global commitments are translated into concrete, measurable, and national outcome. Number three.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Promoting meaningful engagement by UN Resident Coordinator offices at the country's level and relevant UN entities in the implementation of the WSIS action lines and the IGF process. Number four, ensuring adequate and predictable budget allocation to support the implementation of WSIS action lines and IGF-related initiatives

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Initiated, initiative by the civil society organization at the country level.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: distinguished delegates. It is our collective responsibility to our shared privilege to work together towards a more inclusive, just, and sustainable digital future for all, and core in the principle of digital good governance, human rights, and sustainable development.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Finally, I would like to thank you to the IMSV for organizing this important meeting. I thank you.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Thank you very much.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Basil.

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Jennifer Chung: And now I will go to our next speaker. It is Judith Hellerstein from DCAT. Judith, the floor is now yours.

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Judith Hellerstein: Aye.

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Judith Hellerstein: Thanksâ€¦ thanks so much to the ambassadors, and to the two coâ€¦ theâ€¦ who are the two co-facilitators, and to Jennifer Chung from theâ€¦ and others from theâ€¦

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Judith Hellerstein: IMSB for holding this important consultation. My name is Judith Hallestein, and I'll be speaking as one of the coordinators of the Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability.

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Judith Hellerstein: A position of the IGFD CAD is that despite years of advocacy, the digital divide facing persons with disabilities.

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Judith Hellerstein: is only mentioned very tangentially throughout the WISES Plus 20.

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Judith Hellerstein: we have submitted, consultations, both, for the zero draft, the elements paper zero draft, and

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Judith Hellerstein: first revisions, and we also submitted detailed texts, as suggested to put in. But we find that, while the text, the revision 2 isâ€¦ is filled with many grand ambitions and is very people-centered and inclusive.

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Judith Hellerstein: It tackles many issues, but there's very little

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Judith Hellerstein: about persons with disability, and very little, and actually no mention of trying to include persons with lived-in experience of disabilities into the text.

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Judith Hellerstein: For 20 years, we have built a digital world that has systemically excluded 1.5 billion people. The digital divide is not only about connectivity or 4G access, it is about millions of uncaptured videos, captioned videos.

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Judith Hellerstein: Unavigable websites, and the inaccessible apps that define the online experience for persons with visual, auditory.

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Judith Hellerstein: Motor or cognitive disabilities.

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Judith Hellerstein: The document itself, as we say, see in paragraph, I think it's 66,

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Judith Hellerstein: Although it refers to the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as an individual part of international human rights, the legal imperative

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Judith Hellerstein: We think, even though it could not be clearer, that when public digital infrastructure is inaccessible, the issue is not merely poor design, it's a violation of human rights.

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Judith Hellerstein: In our response to Revision 1, we noticed several areas to be improved and offer textual comments. One example is in paragraph 22, we mentioned the CRPD and desire for all things to be accessible.

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Judith Hellerstein: But we do not focus on the implementation requirement of accessibility standards and guidelines, and enforcement of these standards, such as the worldwide

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Judith Hellerstein: Web Consortium's accessibility guidelines, always known as WCAD,

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Judith Hellerstein: 2.22. We also, in paragraph 27, we speak of local content, but we also need to ensure that these formats are delivered in a manner that is

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Judith Hellerstein: that's compatible with accessible technology, such as screen readers and other things. So,

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Judith Hellerstein: weâ€™ inâ€™ throughout this document, we'll send it, I know my time is short, but weâ€™ we see there's a lot of things that we pointed out in Revision 1 that we did not get into Revision 2, and we hope that these can be done.

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Judith Hellerstein: Because we see this as a historic opportunity to move beyond tokenism and enshrine digital accessibility into the heart of truly inclusive information society. Without explicit commitments and concrete actions for persons with disabilities, and without the active leadership of people with lived experience of disability.

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Judith Hellerstein: This vision cannot be realized. So we thank you again for all your help and all your willingness to listen to us.

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Judith Hellerstein: And, we'll send our full comments in to the Wâ€™ to the IMSB and to the working group. Thank you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Judith. I think, Secretariat has also mentioned in the chat where you can.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: That is true.

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Jennifer Chung: Email is there.

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Jennifer Chung: Now I'll go to our next speaker. It is Alexi Trafikawan from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. Alexi, the floor is now yours.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: Thank you, Chair, Ambassador Yanina, and esteemed colleagues.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: ICANN welcomes Revision 2 as a clearer and more balanced basis for the final WISS Plus 20 outcome document, and appreciates the considerable work that has gone into this updated version.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: Consistent with its earlier comments on internet governance, ICANN supports the continued affirmation of the value and principles of multi-stakeholder cooperation.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: This commitment is reflected throughout the text, alongside the reformation of an internet that remains open, global, interoperable, stable, and secure.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: I can also appreciate that the distinct role of the technical community continues to be clearly recognized in this version.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: Protecting the technical underpinnings of the internet is essential to its continued stable and secure operation.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: In this regard, ICANN supports the addition of the reference to a predictable and transparent enabling environment that encompasses policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks in paragraph 48.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: In paragraph 91, the term fragmentation of the internet is not as precise as fragmentation of the internet architecture, which appeared in the zero draft.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: As this is a small editorial change, we hope the more precise term may be used in the final document.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: ICANN supports the reformation of the need to promote international cooperation to identify, address, and prevent the risk of fragmentation of the internet.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: We respectfully suggest adjusting the order of the verbs to identify, address, and prevent, which is clearer and more aligned with common usage.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: Regarding the Internet Governance Forum, ICANN supports the recognition of the work of the IGF's Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group and the IGF Leadership Panel in paragraph 98.

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Alexey Trepikhlin: UNDESA has played an important role in supporting the IGF, and the IGF Secretariat would benefit from the appropriate staffing and resources referenced in paragraph 100.

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Alexey Trepukhalin: I can also welcome the call for the Secretary General to submit a proposal to the 80th General Assembly session on diversified funding for a strengthened IJF Secretariat, as reflected in paragraph 103.

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Alexey Trepukhalin: ICAN appreciates the establishment of the IMSB as part of this process, and recognizes the tireless efforts of the IMSB in supporting the WSIS Plus 20 co-facilitators through proactive engagement across internet stakeholder groups.

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Alexey Trepukhalin: I can hope that the IMSB contribution will be reflected in the final outcome document, and considered as a model for other relevant UN processes.

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Alexey Trepukhalin: Chair, this concludes ICANN remarks. Thank you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Alexi. Now I go to our next speaker. It is Abdul Baset Al-Bar.

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Jennifer Chung: from the General Authority, for Communications and Information Technology from Libya.

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Jennifer Chung: Abu Bassett, the floor is now yours.

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Jennifer Chung: If we do not haveâ€¦ Above was set on theâ€¦

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Jennifer Chung: list. We can go to the next, and we can come back when he returns.

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Jennifer Chung: Our next speaker is Shumailah Hussein Shahini.

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Jennifer Chung: From Tech Global Institute.

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Jennifer Chung: The floor is now lost.

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Jennifer Chung: Okay, and we can now go to the next speaker.

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Jennifer Chung: The next speaker is Tamiya Shuto from the International Chamber of Commerce.

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Jennifer Chung: Mayor, the floor is now yours.

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Timea Suto: Thank you very much, Chair. I'm pleased to speak today on behalf of the International Chamber of Commerce, the institutional representative of over 45 million companies in more than 170 countries.

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Timea Suto: I'd like to start by thanking the IMSB, not only for hosting today's consultation, but for their sustained engagement with and amplification of the voice of the multi-stakeholder community, and supporting the continued openness of this process. We also greatly appreciate the significant work by the co-facilitators and their teams that has gone into REF2,

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Timea Suto: It clearly retains the balance, focus, and future and action-oriented nature of Rev1, and recognizes the considerable effort required to maintain that equilibrium while accommodating a wide range of views.

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Timea Suto: In the interest of time, I will limit my comments to a few selected areas where we feel improvements could still be made.

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Timea Suto: On the section concerning enabling environments for digital development, I would like to offer two reflections.

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Timea Suto: First, while the overall language on investment remains constructive, the removal in paragraph 48 of the reference to the effectiveness of certain approaches in promoting investment raises some questions.

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Timea Suto: We are unsure whether this change was simply an effort to streamline the text, or it is intended to signal further willingness to reduce references

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Timea Suto: To investment and enabling policy environments throughout the text, which we would find concerning.

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Timea Suto: If the shared objective is to close digital development and connectivity financing gaps, experience shows that one of financing aid and short-term project funding are not sufficient. What is required is sustained public and crucially private sector investment.

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Timea Suto: Private capital, expertise, and long-term operational capacity are essential for building and maintaining resilient digital infrastructures and services.

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Timea Suto: Supporting innovation and ensuring that progress is scalable and sustainable. Clear support for investment-friendly policy environments.

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Timea Suto: is vital to mobilize these resources. Weakening this recognition risks sending the wrong signal and overlooking the substantial contribution that industry makes across regions. Second, we note with some concern the removal of language in paragraph 47, recognizing the importance of stakeholder participation in standards development.

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Timea Suto: Industry, academia, the technical community, and civil society provide critical expertise and operational knowledge.

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Timea Suto: that significantly strengthen standards-setting processes. Most international standards bodies rely on this multi-stakeholder input precisely because it produces more effective, interoperable, and widely adopted outcomes. This should be continued to be recognized.

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Timea Suto: Turning to financial mechanisms, we appreciate the addition in paragraph 64 that the openâ€¦ that opens space for Actionline facilitators and stakeholders to engage in the proposed task force.

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Timea Suto: However, the requirement for this task force to report directly to the General Assembly may risk shifting what should be a practical, solutions-oriented dialogue into a negotiation.

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Timea Suto: And there are opportunities for meaningful contributions from non-governmental stakeholders. For the task force to succeed, it will need flexibility, a technical focus, and genuine multi-stakeholder participation. Therefore, it might thrive better in a multi-stakeholder context, such as the WSIS Forum or the IGF.

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Timea Suto: ICC stands ready to help coordinate private sector input into the work of this task force.

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Timea Suto: I will stop here in the interest of time, but would like to close by noting our strong support for the tech's continued commitment to the multi-stakeholder approach, the permanent mandate for strengthened and fully supported IGF, enabled to continue to convince stakeholders worldwide to discuss the broad array of digital policy issues.

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Timea Suto: in an open and inclusive manner. Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Tamiya. I see some questions in the chat about the order of speakers. I think Secretariat will be able to

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Jennifer Chung: post that, our next 10 speakers in order presently. With that, I will go to our next speaker.

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Jennifer Chung: Marina Meira from Derechios Digitalis.

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Jennifer Chung: Marina, the floor is now yours.

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Jennifer Chung: If we don't have Marina online right now, we can go to our next speaker.

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Jennifer Chung: It is David Storti from UNESCO.

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Jennifer Chung: David, the floor is now yours.

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Davide Storti: Dear Chair.

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Davide Storti: UNESCO welcomes the revision 2 of the document, and thanks the co-facilitators as well, the members of the Informa Multistakeholder Founding Board for their work. The draft document includes many of our suggested proposals, which includes a better clarification of the articulation between

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Davide Storti: with this process and the Global Digital Compact incorporates with other recent resolutions calling for integration of GDC commitments into the work of business action lines.

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Davide Storti: Furthermore, as the UN agency responsible for promoting and defending freedom of expression, we appreciate the reference to Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to misinformation and disinformation.

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Davide Storti: We also appreciate the strengthening of references to digital literacy. In this sense, para 60 may say, in a quote, we call, on all stakeholders to promote media and information literacy and digital skills in order to empower individuals.

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Davide Storti: We are glad also to seeâ€¦ recognize the importance of developing the capacity of civil servants and judiciary in AI and emerging technologies. As the UN Cultural Agency, we also welcome paragraph 38, dedicated to culture.

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Davide Storti: But we believe that we can further strengthen by including a specific reference to protecting the rights of artists and creators, including appropriate remuneration and safeguarding of their intellectual property rights, along with the Modia cult declaration recently adopted by under 50 countries at our global conference in Spain.

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Davide Storti: Similarly, parallel 27, many, make reference, and I quote.

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Davide Storti: to reiterate the need for development of local and culturally diverse content and services. Finally, visitors would

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Davide Storti: explicitly referenced knowledge societies, a core business concept, which is sitting at the heart of today's world and challenges. It is knowledge societies, not just information society, that

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Davide Storti: the concept of specificity reference in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. In an AI-shaped world, knowledge underpins education, culture, scientific cooperation, access to information, and the full realizations of human rights.



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Davide Storti: I wish to conclude saying that UNESCO stands ready to continue its commitment to the facilitation of the multi-stakeholder implementation of business action lines, also through the UN Group on Infrastructure Society, the UNBIS,

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Davide Storti: the WSIS Forum and the IGF. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, David. I will now pass the moderation to my fellow IMSP member, Chris Spockridge, and he will take us through the next group of speakers.

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Jennifer Chung: Okay.

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Chris Buckridge: Thanks very much, Jen. Happy to take the reins for a little while here. And we'll move very quickly onto our next speaker, which is Fiyo Fury Luen from the Youth IGF and Southeast Asia Youth IGF and Myanmar Youth IGF. So, Fio, please.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: Thank you, our distinguished co-founder of data at ISSP and other colleges for this, chance to deliver the message. My name is P.D. Lynn, I am a coordinator of the IGF, as well as our HRU IGF, contributing to the Wages Plus 20 student medicine process as a BSE UT.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: I would like to, first of all, I would like to acknowledge the acceleration process and revision, too, and from the U perspective.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: We finally recognized in the progress number 41 that, digital technology can play the transformative role in the supporting

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: environmental sustainability. We think that leveraging digital innovation for climate resilience is essential, and we would like to stress that this benefit must be paired with a policy that meaningfully minimizes environmental cost of digitalization.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: In the line, paragraph number 42, we would like to share our deep concern about the rapid rising energy demand of the digital groups, including AI systems, data center, IoT infrastructure, and the device manufacturing. AM people are increasingly aware of that, and think carbon footprint of the digital technology threatened to the

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: and mind the climate progress. We therefore call for the transparent reporting on the energy use, stronger efficiency standards, and accelerated integration of the renewable energy across the digital ecosystem. For our generation.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: digitalization must not be the intensifying of the climate vulnerability or defects. On the concern raised in the paragraph number 43,

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: We strongly exclude the land over the skyrocketing level of the invites. Young people across the regions are beating the repair culture, leading the recycling drive, and also advocating for the secular model, but this effort cannot be succeeded without systematic

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: estimate support. We would like to call for the implemented the coalition, regional cooperation, and also global multi-stakeholder cooperation for safe recycling technology, corporate accountability of the product lifecycle, and investment in the community labor waste management solution.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: In response to the paragraph 44, we fully support the shift towards the self-sustainable consumption and production pattern. But we, as a young people, already demanded this is the project design for the

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: repairability and responsible end-of-the-life management. Developing international standards for the sustainable design, reuse and recycling is essential, and must include the utilizers, who are often early adopters and innovative in the cycular practice. Finally, according to paragraph number 45, we strongly support the call for the inclusive, multi-stakeholder transparency and the broader approach.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: to align with the digital environmental policy. You must be meaningfully included in the process, not as a future leader, but as a present stakeholder who lives will be deceived mostly directly by this decision. And surely sustainability across the entire lifecycle of the digital technology requires the policy that listen to you, and also let the youth to get involved while reflecting the community reality and

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: put environmental justice and digital equity. Thank you very much.

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Chris Buckridge: Thank you very much, Theo. Moving to our next speaker, we have Isra Rosas from the Internet Society. So, Isra, please.

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Isra Rosas: Thank you very much, Ambassador Janina and colleagues from the sounding board. On behalf of the Internet Society, I would like to start by thanking you for organizing this virtual stakeholder consultation. We still believe that these opportunities to inform your deliberations are more crucial than ever as we approach the final stages of the WCIS postfunding review process.

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Isra Rosas: Our analysis of Revision 2 of the outcome document stands by the substance of our comments provided for Revision 1.

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Isra Rosas: Our ask is to carry forward these essential conditions, which we'll share with you in writing, as priority items for the final phase of the informal negotiations. In paragraph 17, we still see an opportunity to enhance it by referencing relevant multi-stakeholder work regarding safeguards for digital public infrastructure.

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Isra Rosas: Concerning the section on the enabling environment for digital development, we see an opportunity to align the text, particularly paragraph 49, with the WISE Plus 10 outcome document. The WISC Plus 20 review presents a unique opportunity to reinforce and build upon the commitments made 10 years ago.

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Isra Rosas: We're pleased to see that the text referring to internet governance privileges a multi-stakeholder approach, including reference to the Net Media Plus 10 guidelines and the IEF's mandate.

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Isra Rosas: We see a crucial opportunity to incorporate this vision into paragraph 103 by including the existing IEF funders and other stakeholders in the discussions regarding the firm's long-term financial sustainability.

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Isra Rosas: Finally, we respectfully urge the co-facilitators to reset the references to enable Angus to receive multi-stakeholder advice in paragraph 119.

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Isra Rosas: The multi-secondary approach has proven to be one of the strongest tools for incorporating diverse expertise to tackle challenges and address opportunities within the digital ecosystem, which I'm ready to contribute to such an effort.

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Isra Rosas: Excellencies colleagues, I'd like to close my participation by thanking you for carrying out our insights for work. I wish you success in the upcoming round of informal negotiations. The Internet Society community, including our chapters and organization members.

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Isra Rosas: We are ready to support you along this final stretch. Thank you very much.

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Chris Buckridge: Thank you very much, Isra. Moving on now, next to Marcus Kumar from the Diplo Foundation and the Geneva Internet Platform. Marcus, please.

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Markus Kummer: Thank you, Chris. I hope you can hear me. Like other speakers, I would like to start by thanking the IMSB and the co-facilitator for their excellent work and their inclusive approach to this important process.

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Markus Kummer: Let me start by building on what I had said at the very first consultation. We were very

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Markus Kummer: concerned about the intercessional work of the IGF, and now the dynamic coalitions are particularly pleased to know that they are now explicitly mentioned in the revised version, with all the other constituent elements of the intercessional work.

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Markus Kummer: Speaking now in my personal capacity as WSIS and WIGIG veteran, I would like to build on what I said in the first consultation on the CRO draft, which seemed to imply that there is a difference between digital cooperation and internet governance.

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Markus Kummer: This implied reducing the scope of the IGF to a narrow range of issues, mainly related to the more technical components of internet governance.

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Markus Kummer: This is not in line with the spirit and the letter of the Tunis agenda. The Tunis agenda not only provides a working definition of internet governance, but it also fleshes out what it means in the devoted chapter on internet governance. REF2 is more open, but could still be improved to counter this misconception. I submitted in writing two small changes.

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Markus Kummer: to REF2, that would broaden the scope, Related to internet governance.

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Markus Kummer: In paragraph 6, I would like to suggest including the term description.

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Markus Kummer: The paragraph would then read,

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Markus Kummer: We reaffirm the description of internet governance as contained in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, with the working definition as, and so on, as it stands.

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Markus Kummer: One key para in the Tunis agenda, para 35, makes it clear that internet governance, and I quote, encompasses both technical and policy issues.

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Markus Kummer: This notion could easily be introduced in para 87 of REF2, which would then read, We reaffirm the internet governance encompasses both technical and public policy issues and must continue to be global and multi-stakeholder as it stands.

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Markus Kummer: Lastly, para 90 of Rev. 2 introduces the concept of enhanced cooperation. We could broaden this para by also including all aspects related to internet governance. This would then incorporate, by reference, all the other descriptive paras of the chapter on internet governance of the Tunis agenda.

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Markus Kummer: A revised parag would then read, reaffirm that internet governance, and so on, and end with including all aspects related to internet governance and enhanced cooperation.

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Markus Kummer: There are more plans in the Tunis agenda that make this clear, but I presume that this stage of the negotiations, it may be too late to introduce any change related to these elements.

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Markus Kummer: But to cut a long story short, I think it's important that we recognize

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Markus Kummer: But nothing in the chapter on internet governance in the outcome document should be construed as an argument to narrow the scope of the IGF agenda. Thank you for your attention. Thanks.

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Chris Buckridge: Thank you very much, Marcus. Our next speaker invites Adebunmi Akinbo from DNS Africa Media and Communications.

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Chris Buckridge: So please, the floor is yours.

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Adebunmi Akinbo: Thank you so much, Chris, Dr. Adibomaya Kimball, for the record. Distinguished Chair, Excellencies, esteemed colleagues, I wish to state this

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Adebunmi Akinbo: this day, our own foundation for moving forward. We represent a unique entity, a media platform operating as a social enterprise.

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Adebunmi Akinbo: Our mission is to bridge the final mile of connectivity through community metrics, and leverage the distrust inherent in faith-based engagement to promote lasting peace and social coercion.

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Adebunmi Akinbo: Our engagement with the WCIS Preston Review is focused on ensuring the digital revolution leaves no one behind. We applaud the draft's commitment to core developmentâ€¦ developmental pillars. Specifically, our view is anchored in supporting the parallel related to capacity building for rural areas, which aligns with Action Line C4,

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Adebunmi Akinbo: We must move beyond infrastructure to digital literacy.

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Adebunmi Akinbo: Furthermore, the provisions addressing the mitigation of digital divides. Action Line C2, and the crucial support for Indigenous people. Action Line C5, are non-negotiable for our organization.

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Adebunmi Akinbo: These are the communities our networks serve directly. Through our continued contributions on the IMSB, we advocate for inclusive media governance. The lessons learned from a fractured world must

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Adebunmi Akinbo: inform our digital future. We believe that true global digital prosperity requires a commitment that transcends national and corporate interests. We must champion the unifying principle that is the foundation of digital cooperation, which is one internet, one world. Thank you.

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Chris Buckridge: Thank you very much, Adam Lee. Our next speaker is Giacomo Mazzoni from Eurovisione. Giacomo, please, the floor is yours.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Thank you very much, and apologies if I don't wear the traditional costumes from Italy. As the previous speaker, I will do next time, sorry.

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Giacomo Mazzone: I want to thank you first, the Indeza and the sounding board, Jennifer and Chris, and Amrita for hosting this opportunity that is very important for exchange.

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Giacomo Mazzone: And I want to thank, especially, Janina, Ambassador Janina Bongiorno.

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Giacomo Mazzone: and Ambassador Locale for the time that they dedicate to the process and their commitment. That's very appreciated. We welcome the new revision of the document the progress achieved compared to previous version. In particular, we welcome Article 96, about the evolution of the current IGF,

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Giacomo Mazzone: 98, making IGF a permanent process. We're under the 1, creation of UNSG Task Force, studying innovative solutions for the financing of the IGF.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Point 38 about the relevance of cultural expression and diversity that,

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Giacomo Mazzone: even if lacking an expressed indication of the Convention 205 of UNESCO, that is the reference point for that.

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Giacomo Mazzone: And Article 111 about the development of component indicators and roadmap all across the current UN digital processes.

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Giacomo Mazzone: the IGF, the WSAS action lines, and the GDC commitments, because this is fundamental, for the future of all the process.

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Giacomo Mazzone: But there are, of course, points that could be improved, and I hope that even if we have very short time, can be improved in the next hours and days before the summit.

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Giacomo Mazzone: In New York. In particular, we think that it's important to improve on point 20 and 26,

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Giacomo Mazzone: There isâ€¦ we appreciate the reformulation of the numbers about the current situation of the access to the connectivity in the world, and the reference to the meaningful connectivity that is very important.

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Giacomo Mazzone: But if it's true that connectivity is available, technically speaking, in large parts of the world, this means that what prevents the one-third of the world population to access it is not a technical question anymore, not only, but becomes more and more a question of unaffordability of the devices.

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Giacomo Mazzone: of the tariffists, of the services, and so on. Soâ€¦

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Giacomo Mazzone: as we have said in the report of the PNMA,

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Giacomo Mazzone: policy network in the IGF, and here is the reference I'm mentioning. There is a need for public policies to provide, conditions for access that are open to everybody, equivalent to what today we have in the free-to-air distribution of contents.

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Giacomo Mazzone: On point 33, of the document we regret that has been erased the part of the phrase, on technology impact on jobs, what has been skipped wording employment rights and welfare.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Because this contradicts the principle that is on the rest of the document, that technology needs to serve humanity and not the interest of epithuse.

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Giacomo Mazzone: On point 48, we would like to reintroduce the concept that there isâ€¦ there are best practices and policies already identified that prove their effectiveness and need to be promoted.

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Giacomo Mazzone: On point 54, we regret that we are lacking a reference to

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Giacomo Mazzone: Election processes that need to be safeâ€¦ need to have a special safeguard.

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Giacomo Mazzone: That is very important. And on point 104, 121, we think that there is a wording forâ€¦ a better wording for implementing coordination among the various digital initiatives of the UN.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Thank you very much.



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Chris Buckridge: Thank you, Giacomo. Our next speaker is Nick Ashton Hart, from APCO Worldwide. Nick, I believe you're here?

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Nick Ashton-Hart: I am, and theoretically can also be heard.

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Chris Buckridge: And in practice, too. Thanks.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Firstly, thanks, obviously, to the IMSP and the, co-facilitators, for hosting this. It's, it's, it's, it's been anotherâ€¦

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Nick Ashton-Hart: another great example of how a process in New York can involve stakeholders effectively. I think this whole process is a high watermark, really, in my experience.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: of New York-based processes involving stakeholders,

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Nick Ashton-Hart: With respect to the text, we think that version 2 is, is, in most respects, an advance over version 1.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: The changes related to the IGF are positive and welcome, as so many others have said. While it's not specifically stated here, I know in speaking to many developing countries, there's an interest in seeing how the IGF can add more value for developing countries.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: than they feel that it does at present, and I'm guessing this will get discussed during the informals, and I hope we find some way to

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Nick Ashton-Hart: To be able to meet that request.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Without changing the nature of the IGF itself, which I don't detect any calls to do that in order to achieve this.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: On paragraph 64 on the Financing Task Force, we see that this has been improved, but there are still some issues, we think.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: In the first case, it focuses entirely on quote-unquote future financing. But this could exclude the discussion of existing financing mechanisms, the value they add, and perhaps improvements that can be made.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: It also has no role for discussion of

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Nick Ashton-Hart: what best practices in applying resources to meeting WITHIS objectives are, or what lessons learned on achieving those goals, there are. Financing is part of

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Nick Ashton-Hart: of a package that's needed to deliver change. And the other part of that package is the enabling environment in which resources are deployed.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: And in theseâ€¦ in this case, there are manyâ€¦ there are known successful

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Nick Ashton-Hart: ways to address many of the key challenges of WSIS that are mostly siloed within, different UN agencies or multilateral institutions. Surfacing these would help give a toolkit to especially developing countries on what has worked in the past that might be relevant for them.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: And we think thisâ€¦ this task force really is an opportunity to capitalize on that.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Also, it seems to us that reporting in 2026 is highly ambitious, given the scope of this. It would be better for this to report not to UNGA in 2026, but to CSTV in 27â€¦ 2027 as part of its WSIS progress review mandate.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: On confidence and security, we still find this a somewhat problematic, section, in no small part because it's focusing on two first committee processes, which have very poor stakeholder participation modalities, and soâ€¦

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Nick Ashton-Hart: In many ways, this section goes in the opposite direction of the rest of the text.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: We note paragraph 54, Trey, and while we understand the motivation for this, and we understand the importance of these issues.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Many of these are undefined terms, and

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Nick Ashton-Hart: I think it's quite ambitious to say you will counter all forms of these various objectives.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: I don't know how that could be effectively accomplished. I don't know that anyone else does either. It's a nice goal, but this really belongs more in the human rights section, it seems to us, and the last lineâ€¦

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Nick Ashton-Hart: says that these measures must be done also protecting privacy and freedom of expression. We think that these, given the nature of these measures, it reallyâ€¦

they really should link to all of international human rights law, and not just freedom of expression. And with that, I wasâ€¦ I will leave you.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Thanks.

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Chris Buckridge: Thanks very much, Nick.

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Chris Buckridge: Our next speaker is, Marinâ€¦ or next intervention is from Marin Mohammed Ashraf. Marin, are you online?

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: Thanks.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: Thank you. My name is Maren, and I speak today on behalf of IT for Change and the Global Digital Justice Forum.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: I wish to emphasize the following Pada-specific suggestions.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: First on internet governance, we urge that Para 89 of REP2 should be replaced by Para 104 of the zero draft.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: This is to ensure that the language here refers back to the agreed-upon language in Para 29 of the Tunis agenda on the international management of the internet being multilateral, transparent, and democratic, with the full involvement of stakeholders in their respective roles and responsibilities.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: In relation to strengthening human rights, we urge that Paras 17 of the Rev 2, which recognizes digital public goods and digital public infrastructure as critical drivers of inclusive digital transformation and innovation.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: Should also underscore the importance of transparency, safety, and security in the design of society-wide digital systems.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: To promote public trust, along with safeguards to protect human rights.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: We also like to highlight the importance of do-no-harm safeguards in the design and development of digital public goods.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: We note that Para 52 of the zero draft, which refer to the rapidly growing quantities of electronic waste and toxic waste, has been restored as Para 44 in Rev 2.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: However, we are concerned that this has not been accompanied by a restoration of the reference to the Basel Convention on the control of transboundary movements of Hazardous waste and their disposal.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: In the human rights and ethical dimensions of the Information Society section, the omission of para 82 of the zero draft has resulted in a dilution of the language pertaining to the obligation of states as duty-bearers. It is critical to restore this paragraph.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: We also urge the restoration of reference to safeguarding employment rights and welfare in Para 33 of REF2, as foundational labor guarantees should be safeguarded in the platform economy.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: In relation to digital inequality, REF2 has not addressed our concern about the absence of an explicit commitment to address the governance deficit in the digital economy that has led to market concentration and monopolies.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: In this slide, we urge the introduction of a new paragraph 83A, which recognizes digital sovereignty and right to development as central to global AI governance.

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Merrin Muhammed Ashraf: That's all, thank you.

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Chris Buckridge: Thank you very much, Maren. I'm now going to pass on to my IMSP colleague, Amrita Chowdhury, who'll continue the moderation. So, Amrita, thank you.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you, Chris. And the next speaker is K. Mohan Raidu. Mohan, if you are there, you could start speaking.

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Amrita Choudhury: Mohan, if you could unmute yourself.

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Amrita Choudhury: I guess we'll go to the next speaker. I do see Mohan in the room, of course. Bojana Kostic.

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K Mohan Raidu: Yeah, yeah, am I unmuted? Yes.

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Amrita Choudhury: Yes, you are.

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K Mohan Raidu: I'm, following it closely. I may take the chance nextâ€¦ for the next time.

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Amrita Choudhury: Okay, thank you, Mohan.

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Amrita Choudhury: The next speaker would be, Bojana Kostic.

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Amrita Choudhury: From the Global Forum for Media Development.

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Bojana Kostic: Yeah, thank you, Marita. Thank you, everyone, for organizing this call, and good day, everyone. My name is Brianna. I work as a Digital Senior Policy Advisor at the Global Forum for Media Development, and throughout this process, we have been

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Bojana Kostic: independently, together with our colleagues from Global Digital Rights Coalition, involved in strengthening pretty much everything related to human rights framework, and ensuring that the business remains embedded in this framework. What is important for us, and what we would really like to welcome, is the kind of not only preserving, but also strengthening the references to independence of the media, safety of journalists.

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Bojana Kostic: And in particular, we are veryâ€¦

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Bojana Kostic: We very also welcome and applauded the call for all stakeholders to involve in strengthening the independenceâ€¦ media independence and public service media, and creation of this so-called enabling environment and condition for journalism and journalists to thrive.

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Bojana Kostic: This paragraph is very important. It's paragraph 74â€¦ 74 in the Rev. 2 document, but we would like also to provide a few moreâ€¦ two additional points that resonate pretty much with what my colleague Anna Ostterling from Article 19 mentioned, and these are the referencesâ€¦ two references that are not only relevant for human rights broadly, but also for the media journalists.

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Bojana Kostic: Whose dependâ€¦ independence we are trying to kind of protect throughout this document.

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Bojana Kostic: In that regard, we believe that paragraph 76 presents an excellent opportunity to actually introduce the language onâ€¦ and commitments to the Member States from refraining from the use of technologies

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Bojana Kostic: that are impossible to operate in compliance with the national human rights law, and that pose, undue risks. Again, these are theâ€¦ this language comes from the already agreed resolutions of the UN, in particular 78 to 113 and paragraph 20B.

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Bojana Kostic: And one more small but important addition to this paragraph refers to regular comprehensive human rights impact assessments of digital technologies, again, coming from the agreed UN language, Resolution 69-166, paragraph 4.

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Bojana Kostic: Second, contribution, at this point, refers to, paragraph 71 of the Rev 2.

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Bojana Kostic: That we believe needs to be expanded.

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Bojana Kostic: not only to kind of, by reaffirming the commitments to Article 12 of the Universal Declaration, but also to kind of, really, clearly highlight practices that are legislationâ€¦ practices and legislation regarding surveillance of communication, interception, of communication, mass surveillance, all of the upholding, all in the right goal with upholding the right to the privacy.

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Bojana Kostic: These two, important contributions can actually ensure that VESI's framework remains future-looking, given that the review processes are actually following up after the

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Bojana Kostic: in a great advancement of digital technologies. Finally, we also have a few remarks in regard to private sector accountability that we will contribute through our written statement, and

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Bojana Kostic: I would just like to kind of one more, thanks to everyone involved in this process, especially the co-facilitators, for ensuring the participatory inclusive process.

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Bojana Kostic: And we hope, as Janina as Ambassador Janina mentioned, that this last mile of the process also remains open and inclusive, so that we can all share our visions throughout the process. Thank you, and have a great day, and good luck, everyone.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you so much, and the next speaker is Bertrand, Dilash Appelle. Bertrand, over to you.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: Hello, everyone. I hope that you're, Hearing me properly.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: First of all, like everybody else, a deep gratitude to Ambassadors Janine and Locale for an amazing process and a very open, approach to these consultations.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: I want to focus on one thing.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: Which is related to the IGF, and particularly the articulation between the paragraphs 102 and 103 of the, Rev 2.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: I strongly believe that sustainable funding for the IGF cannot be seriously discussed.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: Without addressing at the same time, The necessary organizational evolution.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: of this.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: Forum.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: Both.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: are inextricably connected.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: The IGF, on the one hand, needs significant more resources.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: To achieve its full potential, which is, at the moment, still untapped.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: But on the other hand, funders will not commit ongoing support without a clear vision of the improvements that have to be implemented.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: And this is basically the catch-22 that we've been struggling with.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: many years now.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: So I strongly believe that the paragraph 1 or 2 that speaks about the continuous improvements of the IGF.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: And the paragraph 103, which speaks about the request of the Secretary General to provide

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: suggestions for improved funding at the 80th session of the UN, Should be connected more explicitly.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: I will submit in writing.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: I think some potential formulations.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: The deadline of the 80th

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: session of the UN General Assembly is too short to have the thorough discussion that needs to take place.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: I have suggested previously on the REV1, which was not incorporated in the REV2,

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: the idea of a wiggig-like,

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: working group or procedure that would be steered by the UN Secretary General or any other actor.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: I see that it is not incorporated in the REF2, but I nonetheless believe that it would be extremely important

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: To have the discussion on funding, coupled.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: With the discussion on the improvements, and having a multi-stakeholder process for that, without

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: Depending exclusively on the Secretary General for suggestions.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: And the solutions and the proposals could be made at the 81st.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: UNGA.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: And not the 80th.

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Bertrand de LA CHAPELLE: Thank you very much.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you so much, Bartram. I think Consulate is not there in the call, so the next speaker would be Laurie Schulman. Laurie, over to you.

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Amrita Choudhury: Sorry, you're muted.

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Lori Schulman: Oh, I was being polite. Am I unmuted now?

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Lori Schulman: Am I unmuted now? Okay, thank you. Appreciate it. It's great to see everybody, and I echo the thanks and appreciation for the co-facilitators in organizing this sounding board, and for having this open consultation so close.

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Lori Schulman: to the UNGA meeting. It really shows your dedication to engaging the community at every single step.

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Lori Schulman: We want to especially thank the WISS Plus 20 Secretariat, UNDESA, for providing the WSIS Plus 20 process updates, and for its strong support of the Internet Governance Forum over the years.

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Lori Schulman: We appreciate this opportunity to intervene on behalf of our more than 6,600 member organizations from 182 jurisdictions, representing nearly 38,000 professionals.

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Lori Schulman: These include brand owners from major corporations, small and medium-sized enterprises, law firms, and nonprofit organizations.

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Lori Schulman: Our intercommunity also includes government agency members, professors, and law students. We support the multi-stakeholder process that has been characterized by the WSIS process.

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Lori Schulman: since its inception, and now provides for the many inputs made by government institutions, the private sector, civil society, the technical and academic communities in the course of the preparatory process for the WISS Plus 20 review, and as noted above, many of whom are affiliated with INTA through our diverse

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Lori Schulman: Membership. In reviewing Revision 2, we have some general comments, which I propose.

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Lori Schulman: We also have some written proposals, and in the interest of time, I will focus on a single proposal. First of all, in general, we support the recognition of digital development and digital inclusion as critical instruments in enabling progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, and reaffirm the importance of cooperation to ensure that the benefits of digital innovation are fairly distributed and do not exacerbate existing

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Lori Schulman: inequalities or impede the full achievement of sustainable development. We also recognize the need for an open, fair, and non-discriminatory environment to foster the development of new technologies and modes of equitable access to them, including compensation of the fruits of one's labor.

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Lori Schulman: With these principles in mind, we are pleased to see the recognition of intellectual property rights as a driver toward digital cooperation. IPRs are key to creating environments that provide the opportunities for entrepreneurs and innovators, especially SMEs and women-owned businesses, to reap the benefits of their new products and services.

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Lori Schulman: At the same time, they foster open, inclusive, and safe digital spaces by providing the opportunity to locate and hold accountable those who create new technologies and the services that emanate from them. The ability to profit from and to be held accountable for inventions, goods, and services, and creative works

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Lori Schulman: Fosters prosperity and the means for a sustainable future.

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Lori Schulman: To that end, we have suggested text. We have four, but I will focus on one, as I said, in the interest of time. We, recommend an insertion after paragraph 124, which talks about open systems and open

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Lori Schulman: digital goods. We would like to see added at the end of this paragraph, at the same time, we recognize that digital public goods and open digital content represent just one model for driving innovation, inclusion, and access.

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Lori Schulman: We reaffirm that alternative models, including commercially developed, IP-protected digital solutions and services, also have a legitimate and significant role in the information society. We encourage member states and stakeholders to support a diversity of models, open, proprietary, and hybrid, to ensure that regulatory and financing frameworks

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Lori Schulman: Do not unduly favor only open source, but also respect and incentivize privately developed innovations that contribute to development, creativity, and digital inclusion.

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Lori Schulman: We thank you for your consideration of our suggestions, and look forward to the UNGA meetings taking place next week in New York. Thank you.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you, Laurie. The next speaker is Bikram, but I don't think he's there. So the next is Advocate Nandifa Natsaluba.



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Amrita Choudhury: If you can hear us, would you like to unmute yourself?

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: Thank you very much. Can you hear me?

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Amrita Choudhury: Yes.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: Yes, thank you very much. Advocate Saluba from University of South Africa. We just wanted University of South Africa, and also I'm a member of the

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: South Africaâ€™ multi-stakeholder.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: We just wanted to, to, to commend, to commend the drafters for, for one, for the revisions.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: But, but, but secondly, for the, for the broad, inclusionâ€ inclusion of, of, of, of everyone.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: Theyâ€ theyâ€ our take is the issue of the digital compact.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: And how the digital compare to indicators.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: fit within our WSIS agenda going forward in the IGF. And we would want to make the point that we made at Innoi.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: That for as long as there are no clear indicators.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: Whatever one to achieve will remainâ€ will remain problematic, because we must follow the same indicators globally. The second one relates to access to the internet.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: Once the revision makes more sense, we want to say, If the child

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: deep moral, is still having to choose between buying bread, but to buying airtime, to buying the airtime for the child to be connected. We're still missing it. If we agree

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: that there is a fund at UN level toâ€¦

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: Make sure that Africa is going to have access, we need to make sure, at the various levels, that that access is made available to theâ€¦ to the students at all levels, to elderly people, so that we can say that we built the bridge.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: And we have worked with the people through the bridge. So, regardless of how good humans can be, if the access to the internet is still not free, internet is not a right.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: skin.

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Advocate Nandipha Ntsaluba: I still haven't goneâ€¦ way to go. Thank you, and thank you all.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you so much, for this. The next speaker is Aubrey Doria. Avery, over to you.

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Avri Doria: Thank you.

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Avri Doria: And thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak again. Very much appreciate

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Avri Doria: the consultations and the depth and extent to which consultations have been held. They are a very important step

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Avri Doria: towards multi-stakeholder decision-making, something that I hope we can continue to progress through. We've made it a little ways in the 20 years of WISS towards being a multi-stakeholder environment, towards being a multi-stakeholder decision-making process, but we still have so much further to go.

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Avri Doria: And in that light, I also want to mention the IGF. I'm very happy that the IGF is being recommended for permanence. I very much look forward to seeing how that develops and how sustainable funding

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Avri Doria: before an IGF develops. But I also want to sort of recommend several things that have come out in terms of, one, the MAG has to, and it has started, it has to become more than a program committee. It really needs to be something that brings forward multi-stakeholder

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Avri Doria: control, multi-stakeholder organization of what is the IGF, and bring that forward.

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Avri Doria: I also go back to some of the discussions that were made before, some of the recommendations. I want to strongly endorse the recommendations made by Marcus in terms of the remembering what was important in the TUNIS agenda.

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Avri Doria: Andâ€¦ andâ€¦ and paying attention to some of the interâ€¦ theâ€¦

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Avri Doria: the dynamic coalitions and stuff as engines. I also want to just take a little bit of time and endorse the comments made by Article 19 in relation to human rights in this document. They have pretty much been watered down and smoothed out, and it would really be good

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Avri Doria: to see the Revision Zero language put back in.

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Avri Doria: Finally, I want to endorse the comments made by Judith Hellerstein for DCAD of being more proactive, more,

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Avri Doria: just not tokenism in terms of our support of access and accessibility. So, thank you for giving me this opportunity to make comments, and good luck over the next week. Thank you.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you, Avri. The next speaker would be Tobokile Matimbe.

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Thobekile Matimbe: Thank you so much, Chair, for this opportunity. I echo what my colleagues have already stated, appreciating the inclusion of diverse submissions and the coordination of robust contributions from stakeholders. My name is Tobiggla Matimbe, and I'm from Paradigm Initiative, an organization that promotes digital rights and inclusion in the Global South.

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Thobekile Matimbe: We have made significant contributions throughout the review process, including submitting comments to the Zero Draft and Rev1, and engaging with co-facilitators on several occasions. I start by acknowledging and uploading the permanent mandate move of the Internet Governance Forum, appreciating how multi-stakeholderism is key for global south actors, and echo the need to ensure adequate resourcing for its mandate for its sustainability.

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Thobekile Matimbe: Turning to human rights and ethical dimensions of the information society, I'll reinforce that sustainable development goals for communities in the Global

South are key and not fully realizable in the absence of respect for human rights, in addition to the reference in paragraph 68,

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Thobekile Matimbe: Which has already been, mentioned in the Revision 2, to move towards a genuinely inclusive and thriving information society. However, it's important to reinforce that human rights cannot be severed. They are an imperative.

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Thobekile Matimbe: To that end, we would therefore like to see the zero draft phrasing adopted to strengthen human rights language. In specific terms, Section 67 of Rev. 2 would benefit from the addition that has been deleted

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Thobekile Matimbe: from, the zero draft phrasing, from paragraph 77 of the zero draft, mainly, I quote, enabling access to information, freedom of expression, privacy being our emphasis, and freedom of assembly and association, as this particularization acknowledges the key human rights that are violated mainly without adequate safeguards.

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Thobekile Matimbe: for avoidance of doubt. Furthermore, paragraph 75, where surveillance technology companies are mentioned, there should be inclusion of the need for them to take adequate measures to mitigate human rights impacts.

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Thobekile Matimbe: Through due diligence and human rights impact assessments, text already adopted in paragraphs 24 and 25 of the Global Digital Compact. Thank you once again for the consultation so close to the upcoming UNGA, and wish you success in the last stretch. Thank you.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you so much, and Yuta, you are next, Yuta Kroll.

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Jutta Croll: Thank you, Amrita, for giving me the floor. For a start, let me sayâ€¦

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Jutta Croll: say thank you to the co-facilitators and to the colleagues organizing this effort, and also to those who have already given their input in this meeting. As a child rights advocate, I'm speaking firstly on behalf of children, in the sense of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, all human beings under the age of 18. And secondly, also, I'm speaking as the co-facilitator of the

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Jutta Croll: Dynamic Coalitions Coordination Group, on behalf of the Dynamic Coalitions playing an important role in IGF intercessional activities and in capacity building. We appreciate the commitment to address the challenges children are facing in regard of access and specific information and technology in parallel 12 of the

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Jutta Croll: REF2. Nonetheless, we think that the several groups also mentioned in this parallel do face different challenges, which therefore need to be addressed in individually appropriate ways. We also welcome the commitment to ensure every school is connected to the internet by 2030, but as children start having access to digital technologies.

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Jutta Croll: at an ever younger age. Also, digital literacy education must start earlier, so not only every school, but also early childhood education institutions, like preschool and kindergarten, need to be connected to the internet worldwide. We pretty much appreciate the amendment to PARA 543 in regard of countering and addressing all

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Jutta Croll: forms of violence, although the wording could be more precise in order to ensure mitigation addresses these issues appropriately. We also suggest, in addition to the commitment to establish and maintain robust risk mitigation and redress measures that also protect privacy and freedom of expression, to oblige industry to implement risk mitigation and redress mechanisms immediately.

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Jutta Croll: immediately once those practices are detected in their services. We appreciate the recognition of children in Power 77 being among the most active users of the internet and online services. In this regard, we recommend to amend with an obligation for industry to carry out child rights impact assessments on a regular basis and act responsibly

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Jutta Croll: on the outcomes of such processes. We welcome the mentioning of dynamic coalitions in Power 96 as one of the IGF's main intersectional activities of the IGF. In this regard, we suggest also to commit to leverage the potential of the dynamic coalitions through a better and permanent integration of the DC's work into the VSIS process and the IGF mainstream.

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Jutta Croll: Building on DC's substantive input to the IGF program. Thank you.

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Amrita Choudhury: Thank you, Yuta. With this, I pass it on to my colleague, Theresa Swinehart, who would take it forward.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you, Amrita. Our next speaker is going to be Henriette Esther-Hoisen from APC. Please, Henriette.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: Thanks very much, Teresa and Rhett. I actually just put in the chat, my colleague, Pavitra, will make APC's remarks. I had a delayed flight, and so now I'm in an Uber without much battery, so if you could please promote her to panelists, I would appreciate that. Apologies.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you, Enrita.

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Theresa Swinehart: Can we promoteâ€¦

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Theresa Swinehart: Just checking ifâ€¦ One secondâ€¦

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Theresa Swinehart: Just checking if we've been able to promote.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: Teresa, perhaps go to the person next in line, and that will give your team.

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Theresa Swinehart: Let's do that.

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Theresa Swinehart: That's a very good suggestion. Sophia Longvie from Wikipedia Deutschland, and then we'll go back to APC after that.

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Sophia Longwe: Yes, thank you very much, Teresa. Excellent, these co-facilitators, colleagues. Wikimedia Germany really appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this consultation, and we thank the informal multi-stakeholder sounding board for its continuous work of including all stakeholder groups in this process.

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Sophia Longwe: We would like to highlight four priorities we see as fundamental for a successful versus plus 20 process and for an inclusive digital future that the Wikimedia movement is a part of.

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Sophia Longwe: First, strengthening the Internet Governance Forum.

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Sophia Longwe: We strongly support efforts to ensure the IGF becomes a permanent, predictably financed institution to remain both relevant and practice-oriented.

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Sophia Longwe: The IGF must evolve. We therefore encourage the Secretary General to bring forward proposals to review and update the IGF's modalities, so it can continue to serve as the leading multi-stakeholder platform for digital governance.

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Sophia Longwe: Second, ensuring coherence across global digital processes. AI governance is advancing on multiple global fronts. Rather than forcing convergence, we urge a higher degree of coherence, avoiding duplication, governance fragmentation, and institutional proliferation.

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Sophia Longwe: AI governance should remain aligned with the GDC and the vision of WISS, while maintaining clear, but not subordinating to linkages to other internet governance structures.

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Sophia Longwe: Third, anchoring digital governance firmly in human rights and sustainable development. What matters is that Voices Plus 20 reaffirms universal human rights as a foundation of digital governance.

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Sophia Longwe: strengthens commitments to an open, secure, and interoperable internet, and includes clear language against practices such as internet shutdowns. As Article 19 already emphasized in the beginning of this consultation, we prefer the stronger language on human rights in the zero draft.

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Sophia Longwe: We also support embedding the 2027 review of the Global Digital Compact within the resources review cycle, rather than creating another parallel process. This will also enhance coherence and accountability.

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Sophia Longwe: Fourth, it is important to close and not just bridge digital divides for sustainable financing. We encourage the creation of a dedicated task force to explore financing mechanisms that can genuinely close digital divides.

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Sophia Longwe: Large for-profit actors who benefit from the Global Digital Commons should meaningfully contribute here, to maintain and expand digital commons. Lastly, the protection and expansion of digital commons and digital public goods is essential.

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Sophia Longwe: The WISC plus 20 process must recognize that open knowledge, open standards, open data, and open source infrastructure are important to enable education, innovation, and democratic participation. We therefore encourage member states to explicitly recognize digital public goods as essential infrastructure.

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Sophia Longwe: And ensure financing models that enable sustainability of open knowledge platforms, such as Wikipedia or Wikidata, that serve the global public interest.

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Sophia Longwe: Wikimedia Germany stands ready to support an inclusive and coherent pathway towards WISPOS 30, and we hope that there will be a successful Wizard high-level event at Anga next week in New York. Thank you.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you. And I understand that we are going back to Arrietta. Can you hear us?

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Theresa Swinehart: Okay, we'll come back later. Okay. Our next speaker would be Ellie McDonald from Global Partners Digital.

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Ellie McDonald: Thank you, Teresa. My name is Ellie McDonald, and I'm speaking on behalf of Global Partners Digital. I'd like to begin by thanking the co-facilitators and the IMSB for your hard work and efforts to facilitate inclusive dialogue.

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Ellie McDonald: Throughout the review, GPD has worked with our partners in the Global Digital Rights Coalition to publish multiple inputs to the process. More recently, we've worked with the Internet Society to offer input on Revision 2, which will be available shortly. Building on these contributions, I offer the following comments on behalf of GPD.



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Ellie McDonald: We would first like to applaud the continued reaffirmation of the value and principles of multi-stakeholder engagement, and the reference to the Netmundial Plus 10 guidelines.

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Ellie McDonald: the anchoring of the WSIS in international human rights law and the UN Human Rights System, and the decision to make permanent the IGF, recognising the need to ensure its sustainable funding and to evolve its working methods.

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Ellie McDonald: I would also like to offer our thoughts on free areas where we still see a need to enhance the text.

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Ellie McDonald: First, on human rights, we echo the earlier comment of Article 19 and others to restore the language from the Xero Draft. The Xero Draft provided the most solid basis and approach to integrating human rights in the governance of digital technologies and in digital development.

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Ellie McDonald: To ensure the greatest consistency with international human rights law, we recommend restoring, in paragraph 73,

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Ellie McDonald: the language from the ZERA draft to reflect a fuller range of measures to restrict or monitor internet access and undermine the free and secure use of the internet, including arbitrary and unlawful surveillance and online censorship.

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Ellie McDonald: We also recommend reinstating paragraph 89 of the zero draft, requiring that the use of targeted surveillance complies with international human rights law and the human rights principles of legality, necessity, and proportionality.

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Ellie McDonald: In addition, we remain concerned by the limited detail about the responsibilities of private enterprises

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Ellie McDonald: under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, we see that there is still an opportunity to enhance, for instance, paragraph 73, by emphasizing the duty of the private sector to conduct rigorous human rights due diligence and avoid transfers of technologies incompatible with human rights law.

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Ellie McDonald: In line with the recently adopted UNGA 3rd Committee Resolution on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of digital technologies.

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Ellie McDonald: Second, we wish to note the opportunity to further strengthen the environmental impact section by restoring the reference to compliance with the Basel Convention in E-Waste Management in paragraph 44.

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Ellie McDonald: And by recognizing a fuller range of the environmental impacts caused by digitalization, including the natural resource and water consumption of AI systems in paragraph 42.

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Ellie McDonald: Finally, we see an opportunity to reintegrate the reference to opening the work of the UNCIS to multi-stakeholder advice in paragraph 119. This is a necessary evolution of the WSIS framework, which would enable the WSIS process to continue to play its role to test and embed multi-stakeholder approaches within the UN system.

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Ellie McDonald: Thank you again for this opportunity.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you. Now I, I would ask that, Wunmi Hassan from the High Tech Center for Nigerian Women and Youth.

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Theresa Swinehart: Is Winmi on?

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Theresa Swinehart: No?

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Theresa Swinehart: Okay.

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Theresa Swinehart: Our next speaker then would be Israel Colejo, Colejo, sorry, Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education.

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Theresa Swinehart: Please.

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Israel Coelho: Thank you for the opportunity. I could not start without echoing what my colleagues have already mentioned to strengthen the human rights language in the Declaration.

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Israel Coelho: My name is Isaia Coelho, I'm here representing the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education, a regional network of civil society organizations that is part of the Global Campaign for Education, and also the Global Digital Justice Forum.

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Israel Coelho: I thank the organizers and co-facilitators for the commitment to hear different stakeholders and the opportunity to provide input to this consultation that we find to be of key relevance for the future of the right to education.

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Israel Coelho: We appreciate that education is mentioned in the document, especially in paragraph 36, and that Rev. 2 does not reduce the discourse on Rev. 1 and the 0 draft on that matter. However, the document still has margin to be enhanced under a human rights framework. In order to achieve that, we call for the following two points.

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Israel Coelho: First, paragraph 36 should express concern about the application of certain technologies in educational settings, such as artificial intelligence or facial recognition, that may legitimize surveillance practices and lead to the mass collection of students, teachers, and educational professionals' data.

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Israel Coelho: This is an area carefully regulated by many national legislations, including those on data protection, and should be reflected in the final version of the document.

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Israel Coelho: Second, paragraph 84 on artificial intelligence should call states to guarantee public education about AI, strengthening the field of investigation of critical studies on artificial intelligence in education, and provide adequate teacher training on the use of digital technologies, including the internet and AI.

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Israel Coelho: I end this input by reminding us all that public education is a human right, and that quality public education is fundamental for humanity to navigate the digital transformation safely and critically. Thank you.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you, thank you very much. If I could turn it over to our next speaker then, Fernanda K. Martins, from Fundazion Multiles.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Thank you, co-facilitators, and thanks to IMSB for creating this space.

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Fernanda K. Martins: I speak on behalf of Fundamente, an organization working from Latin America on the intersections between gender justice, environmental protection, and digital governance.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Our comments on Revision 2 highlight structural gaps that remain particularly relevant for the Global South.

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Fernanda K. Martins: First, Rev. 2 makes important progress, but several elements still fall short when compared to what member states committed to in the pacts for the future.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Afro-desident people explicitly, recognizing the pact, remain entirely absent.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Reference to women and girls appear without an intersectional lens. There is no acknowledgement of how race, ethnicity, class, territorial, or disability shape gender regional inequalities.

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Fernanda K. Martins: The reference to sovereignty equality is formal, but does not address the real asymmetries that limit countries' technological autonomy and capacity to shape digital futures.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Second, we are concerned by the removal of the, do no harm and empowerment language from paragraph, 17.

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Fernanda K. Martins: This change alters the normative orientation of digital public infrastructure, reducing it to a technical asset and detaching it from the rights, safeguards.

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Fernanda K. Martins: accountability and inclusive development. We encourage a race-starting language that ensures DPI strengths, not undermines, digital sovereignty and public interest.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Third, REV2 acknowledged important environmental risks, but frames stand mostly as technical externalities.

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Fernanda K. Martins: To align with the pact for the future, the text should include transparency obligations, environmental due diligence, independent monitoring, safeguards for communities disproportionately affected by destructive supply chains and e-waste.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Fourth, we welcome the inclusion of misinformation and disinformation, but the current language does not reflect their differentiated and structured nature.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Evidence from Latin America, including our history with women environmental defenders, shows that this information is often used strategically to silence, delegitimize, and punish women in marginalized communities.

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Fernanda K. Martins: who challenges entrenched political and economic interests. Encourage, language that acknowledges generated rationalizing and territorial dimensions of disinformation, particularly of foreign indigenous, Afro-desident, and environmental defenders.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Finally, we strongly welcome the decision to make the IGF a permanent UN forum and the commitment to a sustainable fund for its Secretariat. For

Global South actors with limited diplomatic capacity, the IGF remains one of the few truly inclusive governance space.

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Fernanda K. Martins: As discussions are diverse on sustainable finance, and will be essential that any strengthening

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Fernanda K. Martins: of the IGF also exports its ability to address intersectional issues, racial and gender inequalities, environmental and territorial harms, and the structure asymmetries that shape digital futures.

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Fernanda K. Martins: Thank you so much for the opportunity to participate in this space.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you so much, and if I could ask, James Kunle Olurundar from ISOC, Nigeria. Apologies for the pronunciation.

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James Kunle Olorundare: All right, thank you very much. I'm the moderator.

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James Kunle Olorundare: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. It's my pleasure to be with you on this call, and I'm so much excited, to be able to, quickly present, our presentation. And this presentation is actually, a resultant output.

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James Kunle Olorundare: of, the Nigerian School on Internet Governance 2025, coupled with the review that, I did personally, so I try to summarize as much as I can, so I'm going to be very brief. So the first issue I may really need to bring to the fore has to do with the financial mechanism

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James Kunle Olorundare: We believe that, there's a need for,

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James Kunle Olorundare: Financial mechanism to be well, you know, articulated in terms of looking at, a claim mandate.

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James Kunle Olorundare: timeline and dedicated funding sources. This is very important because we need to go beyond voluntary contributions for digital development, especially for least developed countries, and you will agree with me that this is, very, very key.

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James Kunle Olorundare: Also, there is a need for clear roadmaps. We try as much as possible to advocate for the requirement that, actual life facilitators develop, they should develop concrete implementation roadmaps

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James Kunle Olorundare: with clear indicators. I think this is very important because when you have a roadmap, there should be clear indicators that will be able to speak to all those, relevant, issues. And also, in that regard, I would really want to mention

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James Kunle Olorundare: the issue that has to do with data and monitoring. Yes, I agree that we have data, but we now need to start looking at how we're going to monitor all those data. This is important because, excuse me, we need a dedicated mechanism

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James Kunle Olorundare: for us to be able to improve data gathering on the digital device, including the collection of disaggregated data, based on gender, disability, and geographical spread. This is very important so as to make the monitoring, you know, very, very effective.

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James Kunle Olorundare: And I also want to mention the issue of digital public goods, and of course, the digital public infrastructure.

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James Kunle Olorundare: This is, very key. You will agree with me that, the era at which we are now has to deal with a lot of DPT and AI, so we need to start looking at, risk mitigations around the data public goods and infrastructure, and,

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James Kunle Olorundare: Which, for us, it looks like, Evil Revision 2 has actually weakened this, but we believe that this is supposed to be, strengthened so that we have DPIs that are resilient, safe, and inclusive. So, please, I think this has to, be looked at, second, again. Then also, we are looking at community-led models.

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James Kunle Olorundare: There should be an emphasis on the need to prioritize, you know, funding for community-led governance model and concept-driven design for, DPI and DPGs. This will ensure that data systems reflect cultural autonomy and local needs

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James Kunle Olorundare: Rather than being top-down solution.

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James Kunle Olorundare: Yeah, the issue of human rights and ethical dimension is also important, but I'm not going to dwell so much on that, because I know a lot of people have, you know, talked about that, talking about, you know, the protection of the civic space.

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James Kunle Olorundare: We need to advocate for, you know, stronger unequivocal language against the use of digital technologies for

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James Kunle Olorundare: international mass surveillance and censorship. So, let me just leave it at that, because I know that a lot of people have talked about that for the sake of our time. Then, yes, there is need for accountability, especially when it comes to, tech companies, especially the big ones. We need, to push for clearer references to the need for

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James Kunle Olorundare: human rights, due diligence oversight, and effective remedy mechanism for business enterprises, especially large platforms whose actions impact human rights online. This is very important, and is very dear to our heart, and yes, the need for us to address specific vulnerable groups, and I've listened to a lot of people, and I think a lot has been said in that regard, so I'm not going to dwell

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James Kunle Olorundare: so much on that because of time. And, let me just quickly mention the issue of gendered digital divide, because this is very key for us. We are trying to see how we can have a dedicated, focused, and new measurable commitment to close and persistent gendered digital divide.

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James Kunle Olorundare: Addressing both access barriers and the specific risk of online violence and abuse disproportionately faced by women and girls.

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James Kunle Olorundare: And, yeah, this one is less talked about, so I'm going to explain more on that. That's the issue of media information integrity and platform. We are looking at sustainability when it comes to actual ICNA. That is,

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James Kunle Olorundare: the need for us to ensure exclusive recognition of journalism and media sustainability in the outcome document, including their infrastructure access as a form of civic infrastructure essential for democracy and information integrity, and I think this is very important. And let me wrap it up by saying that, we are looking at platform dominance, which is very key now, because weâ€¦ you all need to agree with me that there are some platforms

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James Kunle Olorundare: that are very dominant, so the current WSIS framework has not adequately addressed the structural power and market dominance of light giga platforms, and we believe that this needs to be taken care of. And, of course, the issue of content distribution, advocacy, needs to be pushed for language that addresses competition, titration, and the need for greater transparency and accountability.

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James Kunle Olorundare: from all these dominant actors, because they operate in different countries, in different clubs, and they should be responsible in all those clubs. So this needs to be clear, and we can also link this with the Global Digital Compact, which I believe should be able to work hand-in-hand with the WSIS. Thank you very much for giving me the time, I really appreciate it.

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James Kunle Olorundare: Thank you.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you so much, and our next speaker is, Gopal Tadipali, formerly,

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Gopal Tadeipalli: University. Thank you, thank you very much.

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Gopal Tadeipalli: I go back.

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Gopal Tadeipalli: I go back to the VSIS 2003, 8th December, exactly 22 years back, Shaping Information Societies for Human Needs was the theme, Civil Society Plenary. Very interesting outcome for that particular event.



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Gopal Tadepalli: We are very happy.

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Gopal Tadepalli: To the team, and to the wonderful efforts over the last 22 years in bringing this user needs so nicely, specifically, into the document which we are looking at.

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Gopal Tadepalli: In addition to the user needs, which are so well covered in points 5, 12, 17, 23, 60,

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Gopal Tadepalli: I humbly suggest that we should also progress towards user experience, and how we are having these user needs meet the functionality, usability, branding, and even emotion of the users.

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Gopal Tadepalli: Without going into specific definitions.

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Gopal Tadepalli: It is a great user experience that takes us beyond the functionality to delight and build loyalty. That is something which we have to work on, which is delight and loyalty for users, which should go beyond user needs and go for user experience.

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Gopal Tadepalli: The second point that I wish to make is we need to draw a lesson from the field of informatics.

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Gopal Tadepalli: The objective facts are data.

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Gopal Tadepalli: Before they are captured.

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Gopal Tadepalli: Once they are captured, we need a different term, CAPTA. The digital data is more like a CAPTA, an archaic term, CAPTA. CAPTA is something which gets repeated on our machines, we repeatedly keep processing. We don't know how well it is connecting to the original objective fact or data.

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Gopal Tadepalli: So we have to build a responsive civil society towards this term called informatics. I would repeat again as a suggestion, the objective facts are data before they are captured.

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Gopal Tadepalli: Once they are captured in the digital form, we use a different term, CAPTA, an archaic term. We are repeatedly working on CAPTA and impinged by CAPTA. We are not having a serious connectâ€¦ exact

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Gopal Tadepalli: match to data. We need to look into this, and therefore, I humbly suggest that when we go back to the capacity building.

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Gopal Tadepalli: Point number 47.

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Gopal Tadepalli: I suggest that just before investment, we need to have informatics point number 47. It should read Informatics, Investment, Innovation, and Technological Development. This is under the heading, the Enabling Environment for Digital Development.

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Gopal Tadepalli: It should have informatics, investment, innovation, and technological development.

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Gopal Tadepalli: Second point in the same thing that I wish to make is.

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Gopal Tadepalli: In addition to fostering digital development, because of the aforesaid reasons which my learned audience will automatically build further, we should add the term architect. All stakeholders should have a way of architecting and fostering digital development.

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Gopal Tadepalli: So that means that WWW should not be an information dump, it should be an approach which will be having more technology contribution, not only at the level of

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Gopal Tadepalli: DNS, domain name, but also go a little deeper into IP and transport layer security. The Implementing World Summit on Information Society Outcomes, a 20-year review, explicitly mentions transport layer security, published by UNC TAD.

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Gopal Tadepalli: I would strongly suggest that these technical aspects, not merely a technology or specific domain, may be mentioned. Thank you very much.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you so much, and we are now going to turn over to Henriette, who has a connectivity now. Thank you, Henriette.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: Thank you very much, Teresa, and everyone, and,

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Anriette Esterhuysen: Apologies. I'm speaking on behalf of the Association for Progressive Communications, and really thank you very much to the UNDESA team, including the

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Anriette Esterhuysen: the co-opted IGF Secretariat, and the co-facilitators, and the multi-stake, or the sounding boards. We really appreciate your efforts. We'll give a written submission, and we also endorse comments made by coalitions we are part of, notably the Global Digital Justice Forum and the Global Digital Rights Coalition for WSIS. But we want to address financing in particular.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: We're pleased to see that the paragraph on convening a task force on financing is still there. However, it asks the SG to considerâ€¦ we would like to see that

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Anriette Esterhuysen: to be a call for the establishment of this task force, not just to consider establishing it. We also note that the text is looking at financing digital development, not just financing with this implementation, and we've deliberated on that, and in fact, we think it is

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Anriette Esterhuysen: sensible to look at financing digital development, not just WISS implementation, just in order to prevent further fragmentation of discussions on financing digital development that might emerge from the Global Digital Justice Compaâ€¦ Global Digital Compact, for example.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: And we realize that some member states and some other stakeholder groups still have questions about this task force, and we really want to urge them that this is not intended to establish new funds or new mechanisms.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: We see it as an initiative that would use existing resources, it could use the WISS Forum, it could use the IJF as platforms for convening.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: And we feel that the mapping and analysis of mechanisms and assessment of what works well and what could work better, would be very useful to both existing financial mechanisms.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: As well as to those who are in need of financing. And it could also be useful for any establishment of a help desk, which I know some member states have proposed.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: And we also think that this task force could provide useful framing information for developing countries themselves to look at the role of domestic public resources.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: And then, of course, it can look at private sector investment, partnerships, collaboration, blended mechanisms, and new innovative mechanisms.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: We also just want to note that we support some of the remarks made previously, notably Marcus Kuma's remarks on the definition of internet governance. And then finally, just a quick reflection on paragraph

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Anriette Esterhuysen: 19, which is on the growth in connectivity. I know that there has been progress, but I do invite the authors of that paragraph

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Anriette Esterhuysen: to come and spend at least 6 months in any part of the world where there is not necessarily state-of-the-art connectivity and where there's not permanent electricity supply. So I just urge the authors to be very careful to not overstate the progress, and I endorse the remarks made by Giacomain Mozzoni from the Policy Network on Meaningful Access. Thanks a lot, Teresa.

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Theresa Swinehart: Henriette, thank you so much. I'm now going to turn it back over to my colleague, Jen. So, Jen, please, over to you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Teresa. Thank you, everyone. I believe we may have exhausted our list of people who have originally indicated they would like to speak.

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Jennifer Chung: We have some time now to be able to open up the floor for any of those who would like to speak now. So, I've been asked to let you all know you can use the raise hand function.

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Jennifer Chung: Also, for those speakers who may have missed your turn when we were calling on you, please definitely let us know that you are in the room, so we can go to you as well.

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Jennifer Chung: So now I seeâ€¦, some hensâ€¦, I'm going to look toâ€¦,

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Jennifer Chung: our secretariat to let us know if there are hands that I could see.

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Eleonora Mazzucchi - DESA DPIDG: Jen, we don't have a raised hand yet, but, Ruth from ITU would like to speak.

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Jennifer Chung: Yes, Ruth, please, you have the floor.

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Ruth Si: Thank you, thank you very much, Shen, and good day, everyone. I'm Ruth Sidabhutar, speaking on behalf of DITU.

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Ruth Si: As we engage with REF 2 of the draft, ITU appreciates the continued progress in refining the text, and welcomes the opportunity to reiterate and expand on key elements submitted under REF1, with the hope that they will be fully reflected in the next iteration as we head into the final mile.

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Ruth Si: I, too, also thanks the co-facilitators for their steady stewardship of this important Wis Express 20 process.

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Ruth Si: And for the opportunity to present our observations.

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Ruth Si: In the preamble, we would like to recall that ITU member states resolve at its Planning Potentiary Conference in Minneapolis in 1998, the Resolution 73, to hold a World Summit on the Information Society, and to place it on the agenda of the United Nations.

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Ruth Si: Itu also served as the Secretariat for the Two-Face Summit held in 2003 in Geneva and 2005 in Tunis, as endorsed by UNGA Resolution 56-183, which accorded ITU a lead role in cooperation with all relevant organizations and partners.

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Ruth Si: As the United Nations Specialized Agency for Digital Technologies, ITU has been at the forefront of global digital cooperation with the UN and all stakeholders for the past 20 years, building partnerships, strengthening capacities, and driving digital transformation in line with WITH's outcomes and the 2030 Agenda.

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Ruth Si: We would encourage the use, wherever possible, of the agreed language from ECOSOC Resolution, specifically the 2025-18, as this resolution has already been negotiated and adopted by Member States.

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Ruth Si: It provides a solid and coherent basis for the WSIS plus 20 outcome document, and would help ensure alignment between ECOSOC and UNGA processes, particularly on the integration of GDC commitments into the WSIS architecture.

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Ruth Si: On ANJESPARA121, we underline its current effective functioning as an autonomous interagency mechanism built on mutual respect and trust, with ITU serving as its permanent secretariat. We have served in this role since inception, and have a dedicated WSIS team supported by ITU resolutions.

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Ruth Si: We would like to underscore the core mandate of the CSTD to continue inviting key UN agencies involved in WIS's implementation to present their implementation work.

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Ruth Si: On PARA 109, regarding the GDC, we suggest referencing the Working Group on Digital Technologies, co-chaired by ITU and Audit, with five chairs covering all GDC objectives, which currently coordinates implementation of the GDC action points across the UN system.

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Ruth Si: We note that this would also ensure consistency with GDC terminology and existing structures.

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Ruth Si: ITU remains committed to supporting an ambitious, coherent, and future-ready OASIS Plus 20 outcome that continues to serve all stakeholders and ensures that digital technologies advance sustainable development for everyone.

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Ruth Si: My TU will also provide its full written inputs to support the continued refinement of the REF2 text. Thank you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Ruth. I believe we have our hands up from Sherry Shek.

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Jennifer Chung: Sherry, you have the floor.

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Sherry Shek: Thank you, thank you, do you hear me well?

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Sherry Shek: Thank you, distinguished co-facilitators and colleagues.

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Sherry Shek: I'm Sherry Shek, Program Manager at NapVision, a network of young change makers from Asia Pacific committed to empowering youth in internet governance.

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Sherry Shek: I speak on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Youth Community, who have actively contributed to the WISS Plus 20 review process.

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Sherry Shek: We welcome that RAF2 retained important youth recognition for RAF1,

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Sherry Shek: Paragraph 3 recognizes youth as a stakeholder in effective multi-stakeholder participation, partnership, and cooperation.

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Sherry Shek: Paragraph 119 recognizes the significance of youth commitment in the ongoing implementation of the WISS outcomes.

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Sherry Shek: Paragraph 98 recognizes youth internet governance forums in housing multi-stakeholder discussion.

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Sherry Shek: We especially commend paragraph 100, which decides that the Internet Governance Forum shall be made permanent with stable and sustainable resources.

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Sherry Shek: We urge that these texts remain intact.

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Sherry Shek: While the draft recognizes youth contribution and its significance, critical elements remain absent. They are supporting and formalizing youth participation.

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Sherry Shek: There are 3 reasons why these are structural necessities.

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Sherry Shek: First, current government decisions impact youth disproportionately and over longer time scales.

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Sherry Shek: Second, you've bring lived expertise in digital environments and fresh perspectives into emerging challenges.

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Sherry Shek: And third, inclusion of youth brings plurality of interest. This helps ensure governance reflects diverse experiences and priorities, rather than concentrated decision-making power.

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Sherry Shek: Without formalized roles and dedicated resources, youth participation remains consultative, and first, we recommend 3 specific editions.

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Sherry Shek: First, in paragraph 89 and 105, we recommend to include youth in the stakeholder list.

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Sherry Shek: Second, in paragraph 90, we recommend to add youth as an underrepresented group requiring measures to ensure more effective participation.

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Sherry Shek: And third.

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Sherry Shek: In paragraph 102, we recommend to edit a phrase, supporting national and regional initiatives, by adding youth behind regional

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Sherry Shek: And furthermore, after the first sentence in this paragraph, we recommend to add, we call for strengthened linkages between youth internet governance forums and the Internet Governance Forum, with formalized youth participation and leadership across the Internet Governance Forum ecosystem.

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Sherry Shek: Thank you.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Sherry.

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Jennifer Chung: I do not see any hens.

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Jennifer Chung: That are currently raised.

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Jennifer Chung: The floor is open for speakers who have missed their turn, and any of those who are currently here and would like to speak.

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Jennifer Chung: I see that there is a hand, if Secretariat can help.

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Jennifer Chung: Promote Coyote Oye Yemi.

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Jennifer Chung: Two panelists, and then we can give them the floor.

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Jennifer Chung: Please go ahead, Coyote.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Thank you, co-facilitators, and special appreciation to the ambassadors, and the IMSB for hosting this stakeholder consultation. My name is Cara Deoyani, Senior Program Officer for AFICTA. AFICTA is Africa ICT Alliance, and our vision is to fulfill the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa. We have stakeholders across ICT associations.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: companies and expats across more than 40 African countries.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Our focus today will be on capacity development, paragraphs 58, 59,

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Kayode Oyeyemi: And, paragraph 60 of the WSIS post-20 Ref2. FICTA welcomes the strong emphasis on capacity development. Of course, limited capacity remains a major barrier to closing digital divides in Africa, and future efforts must reflect

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Kayode Oyeyemi: local realities, build sustainable ecosystems, and ensure inclusive participation in the digital economy. First, we stress the need for long-term, context-specific capacity development. Africa faces unique challenges, affordability, energy constraints, linguistic diversity.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: low digital literacy, and many other capacity programs must therefore empower communities, support local language content, and strengthen region-specific innovation. Second, AFICTA supports the call for strengthening local content development, which is vital for digital sovereignty, and ensuring technology solutions reflect Africa's cultural

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Kayode Oyeyemi: and social context.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Third, we call for predictable, accessible financing dedicated to capacity development.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Indeed, sustainable funding is crucial for long-term skills and initiatives.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: institutional strengthening and regional training ops. Finally, we recommend establishing a monitoring and account, accountability mechanism to track progress and ensure capacity-building efforts lead to measurable impact towards the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Your Excellencies, Africa stand ready to collaborate with all stakeholders to advance capacity development and empower communities, support innovation, and accelerate Africa's digital transformation.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Thank you most sincerely for the opportunity to intervene. Thank you so much.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Coyote.

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Jennifer Chung: Do we haveâ€¦ Any other speakers who would like to take the floor?

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Jennifer Chung: Iâ€¦ see Amrita, but I'm not sure if this is Amrita Chotary, or if this person needs toâ€¦

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Jennifer Chung: Rename themselves before we give you the floor.

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Jennifer Chung: If we can clarify, I guess, Secretariat, just to make sure we have the correct attribution to the person who has raised their hand.

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Eleonora Mazzucchi - DESA DPIDG: Jen, I would just recommend that once they start speaking, they introduce themselves. We will try to change the name manually in the meantime.

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Jennifer Chung: Okay, well noted.

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Jennifer Chung: If we can give them the floor, and if you could please state your name and your affiliation.

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Jennifer Chung: Currently, I think it's showing up as a wrong affiliation and wrong name.

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Jennifer Chung: Please go ahead.

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Wunmi Hassan: Okay, thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Dr. Umumi Hassan.

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Wunmi Hassan: from Nigeria High Tech Center for Nigerian Women and Youth.

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Wunmi Hassan: I really appreciate this privilege to speak.

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Wunmi Hassan: And, it's such an honor.

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Wunmi Hassan: I'm gonna be recommending towards theâ€¦ capacity building?

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Wunmi Hassan: And, considering, females, Women and girls, the young people.

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Wunmi Hassan: And then to look into the aspect, to consider how we are able to strategize in putting them into segments, according to age groups.

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Wunmi Hassan: From consideration of the girls, So, those who are in the middle age.

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Wunmi Hassan: And then theâ€¦ the women who are actually out there to learn different technologies. And then, the one great sector that seems not to be considered the retirees, the senior citizens.

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Wunmi Hassan: For us in Nigeria, and for many of the things we have done, High Tech Center for Nigerian Women and Youth had had to, in the last couple of years, realize that the knowledge gap is different across the age gaps.

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Wunmi Hassan: So, we need to be able to, do a strategic mapping of what exactly should we give to different categories of

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Wunmi Hassan: The citizens, especially women.

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Wunmi Hassan: who are in different groups, like I've identified. We have a whole lot of women who are into business, and they need digital literacy and skills to be able to push their, you know, businesses online and become digital citizens. So, we need to

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Wunmi Hassan: look into what kind of capacity are we trying to build? What capabilities do we want to give to different groups of people? And then, looking outside of the gender, issues, or the women, I want to also speak to

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Wunmi Hassan: the physically challenged, the disabled, the people with disabilities in the communities. How do we ensure that we have tools

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Wunmi Hassan: And the digital materials that assist us to be able to communicate effectively to these marginalized people, because it isn't just going to be easy to just,

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Wunmi Hassan: at Zoom that we generalize the capacity building. We need to be very strategic, and I'm sure our organization

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Wunmi Hassan: would be interested in partnerships that helps us to have such capabilities, capacity, especially the tools that helps us to do this effectively. And I'm very interested in the senior citizens also. Thank you for this time.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Winni Hassan.

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Jennifer Chung: Do we have any other speakers who would like to take the floor at this moment? You are able to raise your hand, and

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Jennifer Chung: The Secretariat will be able to promote you to panelists, and you can take the floor.

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Jennifer Chung: If we do not have any additional speakers who would like to take the floor.

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Jennifer Chung: I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of your substantive inputs. The informal multi-stakeholder sounding board is very grateful to

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Jennifer Chung: have been able to host this and also be able to hear all of your inputs. It will inform our reflections on the Rev 2 of the outcomes document. I think throughout the entire session, we've been encouraging speakers to send

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Jennifer Chung: your written inputs to UNGA review, I think UNGA witnesses review. If Secretariat could kindly actually

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Jennifer Chung: put that email on the chat so people can see it. Please do send it to us very, very much right now, or soon after this virtual consultation ends.

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Jennifer Chung: We also have to do our work in turning over our reflections also today to be able to get this sent over to the ambassadors and their team.

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Jennifer Chung: For the process ahead.

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Jennifer Chung: So, thank you very much. The recordings, the transcripts, all of your written inputs will be posted online

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Jennifer Chung: on the website, when it is available and when we receive it. And thank you, everyone, for your time in making this process

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Jennifer Chung: something that has multi-stakeholder voices, being heard here. Thank you very much again.

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Jennifer Chung: Bye-bye now.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you.

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Chris Buckridge: Thanks, all. Bye-bye.

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Theresa Swinehart: Thank you.