

Excellencies,

The IGF Dynamic Coalitions Coordination Group (DCCG) would like to commend you for producing a Zero Draft that addresses many concerns voiced by the WSIS multistakeholder community. In particular, we are pleased to note that you propose that the IGF "shall be made a permanent forum of the United Nations" (Paragraph 115). This indeed is one of the priorities of the DCCG as well as many other IGF stakeholders and was also included in the common submission by the MAG and the Leadership Panel, with a call for a permanent, sustainable, and well-funded IGF mandate. A permanent IGF mandate is essential to ensure an open and inclusive platform for the voluntary engagement of IGF stakeholders, such as the Dynamic Coalitions (DCs).

You will recall that the IGF Dynamic Coalitions made a collective submission in reaction to the Elements Paper, repeating the point they made at our meeting last June in Lillestrøm, namely that the IGF should not be seen as an isolated stand-alone annual event, but as a year-long process with many intersessional components. We are very pleased to note that the Zero Draft recognizes this fundamental development, noting "the evolution of the Internet Governance Forum from an annual meeting into an ecosystem that includes a wide range of intersessional and other activities" (Paragraph 113). We also welcome the explicit recognition of the growing importance of the National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs).

However, we are disappointed to note that the other constituent elements of the intersessional work, the Best Practice Forums (BPFs), the Policy Networks (PNs) and the Dynamic Coalitions (DCs), are not mentioned by name. We would like to repeat what we wrote in our first submission: The DCs contribute to the WSIS Action Lines, the SDGs and the GDC. We feel that this should be reflected in the next iteration of the Zero Draft and that the role of the Dynamic Coalitions as engines of innovation, dialogue, co-operation and community driven research and capacity building on some of the most pressing issues in Internet governance should be recognized. It should be noted that the Dynamic Coalitions and their members are active across all five continents, including 16 Small Island Developing States. As the Zero Draft mentions the importance of the intersessional work in the implementation phase in Paragraphs 116 and 117, it would add substance and coherence to the text to recognize explicitly all the components of the IGF intersessional work.

As we do not coordinate the substantive work of the DCs, individual DCs made their own contribution in their respective area of expertise. Their work covers the broad range of issues contained in the Elements Paper. We are pleased to note that by and large the Zero Draft took on board many of the points made by the DCs.

Yours sincerely

The IGF Dynamic Coalitions Coordinating Group