My name is Titti Cassa, from AgID, speaking in my personal capacity.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Zero Draft. The document already serves as a strong and robust foundation for discussion.

I would like to highlighting four key points on the Internet Governance section.

First, I strongly support the formalization of the IGF as a permanent forum of the United Nations, with a stable mandate, predictable funding, and an organizational structure capable of sustaining its activities over the long term. This is essential to secure a central role for the IGF in the global digital cooperation architecture.

Second, it is crucial to strengthen the links between the IGF and other UN processes. The IGF should not operate in isolation but act as a *policy innovation hub*, producing clear and actionable outcomes, synthesized messages and insights that can inform and feed into other processes such as the Global Digital Compact, the WSIS Action Lines, and the SDG review.

In this context, I would like to emphasize the need for a **joint and coherent roadmap** connecting the implementation of WSIS, the Global Digital Compact, the SDGs, and the IGF.

Such a roadmap — with measurable indicators and shared milestones — would ensure coherence, avoid duplication, and create real synergies across these processes.

Third, I highlight the critical role of the NRIS, the MAG, and the Leadership Panel, the DCs. These bodies are key to enhancing multistakeholder engagement, supporting local realities, and measuring progress in the implementation of digital cooperation initiatives.

NRIs can also serve as valuable mechanisms for collecting evidence and tracking WSIS and GDC implementation at the national level.

Fourth, I call for expanded participation, particularly from underrepresented communities, developing countries, and youth. I propose concrete mechanisms — such as a Youth Council and Citizen Council — to integrate diverse perspectives into IGF decision-making and activities.

Finally, I underline the need to strengthen the IGF Secretariat, providing it with the capacity to support NRIS, coordinate intersessional work, and maintain continuous dialogue across stakeholders. Adequate resources and a more structured organization are essential for the Forum to fully realize its mandate and effectively contribute to the WSIS+20 outcomes and the Global Digital Compact implementation.

Thank you.

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