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Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

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Introduction

- Revision 1 of the outcome document represents another positive development and evolution of the WSIS +20 review process, enhancing its clarity, views, structure, and making it more concise to lead the way ahead until the next revision takes place.

- On **para 5**, with reference to the text "**facing barriers to participating fully in international digital governance**", we would suggest that "**digital governance" is replaced with "digital cooperation"**. This will make the text more in line with the GDC, the process of the WSIS +20 review and the Rev 1 document para 7,17,30,120. Digital Cooperation is a well-referenced, addressed, understood, and broader in scope. If we take the rest of para 5, it is more toward digital cooperation rather than digital governance. In the context of this paragraph and this document, it may not be clear what is meant or what is the scope of digital governance.

Information and communications technologies for development

- **In para 16**, we suggest that the text "We reaffirm the central importance of closing these **digital divides**", to be revised to "We reaffirm the central importance of closing these **inequalities**". The inequalities have been mentioned earlier in para 16, referencing them again with the reaffirmation will make the paragraph clearer in addressing the issue itself (inequalities).

The digital economy

- With regard of **para 29**, "the development of digital solutions to expand commerce, connectivity and services to overcome the adverse impacts of remoteness and other geographical and structural constraints", this is not only a **developing countries** issue but rather a **global matter** too.

The enabling environment for digital development

- With regard of **para 50**, regarding urging states to avoid or refrain from unilateral measures not in accordance with international law while building information society; we believe that building information societies involves always positive and constructive measures, therefore it would be useful if the paragraph provides an example of such measures that are referenced here.

Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs

- We believe that this section of the document should call for building international and regional **cybersecurity** and **cybercrime** related arrangements in the way appropriate. This is a much-needed step today.

Capacity development (para 56 – 57)

- With regard of capacity development, the outcome document is still within the classic context of the WSIS outcome documents, **there are critical immediate shortages in skills and talents globally in fields like Cybersecurity, AI and digital transformation.** We look forward to this issue to be addressed within the WSIS+20 review outcome document due to its importance.

Financial mechanisms

- We strongly support **para 62**, the Sevilla commitment and the relative general assembly resolution 79/323.

Internet governance

- We reaffirm our support for **para 86** on the definition of Internet Governance which is in accordance with para 34 of the Tunis agenda.

- With regard of **para 90 & 91** on **Enhanced Cooperation**, we believe that there are already existing Enhanced Cooperation processes within Internet Governance related organizations like: ITU, GAC of the ICANN or Intergovernmental organizations like: the UN General Assembly, ECOSOC, OECD, EU, League of Arab States. Therefore, they should be considered as current existing mechanisms for enhanced cooperation that can be built on and no need to initiate an independent process for enhanced cooperation.

- The **workgroup on enhanced cooperation** referenced in **para 91** faced difficulties in its work and did not continue, therefore it may not be a good example to reference. In fact, if we will take it as an example, it will support what we have mentioned in the previous point.

- We have a concern with **para 93**, in mentioning **NetMundial+10** as a **reference** to **multistakeholder collaboration, consensus building** and **balanced representation** along with the text "**endorsed in April 2024**", this may give the impression that it took place or endorsed as part of a WSIS or an IGF process which is not the case. If we want to have a **reference** for **consensus building**, **multistakeholder collaboration** and **balanced representation**, then it should be through **WSIS** and **IGF** related **processes, practices** and **conduct** that have accumulated and built for more than 20 years. In addition, the participation in Netmundial+10 was not a balanced representation among stakeholders' groups and its outcome represents the view of its participants which we value, respect, and support many of it. We recall that there was an attempt to reference Netmundial+10 in the GDC (draft 2) but it did not take place in the final version. last in this regard, the **Netmundial** and **Netmundial+10** documents refences a set of "Internet Governance Process Principles", and this may give the impression again that these principles are endorsed within the WSIS or IG process which is not the case.
- We strongly welcome and support **para 98** in making the IGF a permanent forum.
- With regard of **para 99**, it included the following text "We call upon the Forum to report on **outcomes** of its annual meetings", We would like to note that **para 72** of the **Tunis Agenda** on the mandate of the IGF states in point (i) "**Publish its proceedings** " and para 77 of the Tunis agenda states that the **IGF** is a **non-binding** forum. So, taking into consideration that the IGF is non-binding non-outcome-oriented forum, it would better to replace the word "outcome" in the text of this paragraph with "proceedings" in accordance may contradict with para 72 & 77 of the Tunis agenda and not to create any further confusion.

The development of the WSIS framework

- Since 2022 the UN and related organizations have been active within ICT scene, producing the Global Digital Compact and now the outcome document for the WSIS +20 review, and in between establishing Panels, workgroups and offices. This review is different from the previous revisions; it is a major effort in outreaching and consulting relevant stakeholders and it is viewed as a much-needed evolution and update to the outcomes of the WSIS in its two phases Geneva and Tunis. In this regard, we strongly support para 104 of rev 1 on the alignment and the synergy between the GDC and WSIS+20 review. Considering the overall consent of building on current existing mechanisms, we would suggest adding text to this paragraph reflecting that the WSIS process and IGF become an implementation mechanism for the GDC.