

To the Co-Facilitators,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Revision 1.

I had the opportunity, early in this century, to participate in the WGIG as a civil society participant from the technical world. I came to the UN from an open multistakeholder community and found myself in a forbidding world. Reading this Revision I want to applaud how far we have come over the years. I believe I see a UN that is opening itself to the concerns of the many types of stakeholders it serves.

Yet we have further to go.

I have 3 observations on Rev 1.

First,

I am grateful that paragraph 93 has been included taking note of NETmundial+10 guidelines for multistakeholder collaboration and consensus-building.

In that light, in 108 I suggest the addition of a few words. While recognizing the ITU and the WSIS Forum for sharing information on practice, I recommend that it mention not only its role in multistakeholder dialogue but its role "for encouraging multistakeholder dialogue, collaboration and consensus building." They are doing this, and it should be mentioned and continued.

Second,

It is good that concern for Human Rights has a place in this document. But it is not as strong or full-throat as it needs to be. Please do not shy away from the fullest possible call for Human Rights in their many aspects. I support the requests that have been made by other speakers to restore the many paragraphs related to Human Rights that were removed.

And Third,

I have a concern that the follow-up does not make an emphatic call for expanded use of ICT, AI, and other emerging technologies in the service of governance itself. One of the digital divides we still need to tackle involves including the world's population, technology's users, in their own governance discussions as is their right under Article 21 of the UDHR, in

their role as the users of the technology, and as those most affected. The emerging technology allows for them to participate from wherever they are, this document misses the opportunity to encourage an upcoming decade that includes a voice in governance for all of those still on the other side of the digital governance divide.

To the co-Facilitators and pen-holders, thank you for the care and attention you give the many stakeholders, with their comments, that you interact with.

Thank you.

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