

WSIS+20 Revision 1 (Rev. 1) Matrix

Internet Society Analysis



18 November 2025

The Internet Society commends the co-facilitators' leadership and openness in facilitating stakeholders' participation in the WSIS+20 review process and believes that continued transparency throughout the negotiations on the text will be crucial in ensuring a successful outcome document. Additionally, we strongly encourage member states to deepen their engagement with non-governmental stakeholders as negotiations advance.

We are pleased to see that stakeholder feedback from the written inputs, consultations on the Zero Draft, and the co-facilitators' engagements have been considered in the first revision. This includes strengthening the language in the Internet governance section to reaffirm commitments to the WSIS vision and the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and noting the NETmundial+10 guidelines for multistakeholder collaboration and consensus-building. The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) has served as the world's primary multistakeholder platform for dialogue on Internet governance, and we commend the references to the IGF intersessional activities and the National, Regional, and Youth Internet Governance Forums (NRIs). Additionally, we welcome strengthening accountability for the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines and calls to further develop the arrangements outlined in the Tunis Agenda and the Summit of the Future, to continue supporting the implementation of the WSIS vision and objectives, as well as the integration of the Global Digital Compact (GDC).

As noted in our input to the Zero Draft, there are still sections of the draft that require strengthening. While Rev. 1 acknowledges the IGF's value and provides a permanent mandate, there needs to be clear pathways to securing sustainable, long-term funding for the IGF. As we noted in our input to the Zero Draft and elements paper, financial sustainability is central to preserving the IGF's independence and capacity to support stakeholder engagement globally. To this end, existing IGF funders, such as the Internet Society, and other stakeholders should be consulted in the Secretary-General's pursuit of providing a recommendation for sustainable funding.

Additionally, there is still considerable work to be done to create an enabling environment that supports meaningful connectivity and an open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet. It is essential that the draft explicitly references elements that can support the achievement of an enabling environment, such as measures to foster investment, innovation, and technological development. These include open access to data, proportionate taxation and licensing fees, access to finance, efficient allocation of radio frequency spectrum, infrastructure sharing models, and community-based approaches. Furthermore, insufficient recognition is given to community-centered connectivity initiatives, which have emerged to provide Internet access to communities where commercial options are unavailable or unviable.

We encourage the co-facilitators to build on this momentum by addressing the remaining gaps to ensure that the WSIS+20 outcome document reinforces an open, inclusive, and sustainable digital future. The comments above provide some overarching reflections on the first revision of the Zero Draft and are complemented by the matrix below. Unlike our [matrix for the Zero Draft](#), which provided a broad range of paragraph-by-paragraph feedback, this matrix focuses exclusively on the Internet Society's priorities for Rev. 1 of the Zero Draft. This document represents our ongoing efforts to identify how the language proposed in the first revision of the WSIS+20 Zero Draft aligns with the vision of an open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet for everyone. The rationale offered in this document is the result of collaboration among the Internet Society staff, community members, and partners.

This analysis has been endorsed by some Internet Society chapters, individual, and organization members. [Find the full list of endorsements.](#)

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
Introduction	Introduction	Introduction
2. We further reaffirm our commitment to the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the Geneva Plan of Action, the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.	2. We further reaffirm our commitment to the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the Geneva Plan of Action, the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.	Retain language. Reaffirming these commitments is crucial for achieving a people-centered, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society.
3. We reaffirm the value and principles of multi-stakeholder cooperation and engagement that have characterized the World Summit process since its inception, and recognize that effective participation, partnership and cooperation of Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organisations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders including youth, with balanced representation of all countries, has been and continues to be vital in developing the Information Society.	3. We reaffirm the value and principles of multi-stakeholder cooperation and engagement that have characterized the World Summit process since its inception, and recognize that effective participation, partnership and cooperation of Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organisations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders including youth, with balanced representation of all countries, has been and continues to be vital in developing the Information Society <u>including the implementation of the Summit's outcomes.</u>	We recommend reincorporating the reference to multistakeholder collaboration in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes. Multistakeholder collaboration is essential for achieving the WSIS vision.
4. We reaffirm the principle of the sovereign equality of all States. We believe that the equitable participation of governments and stakeholders from all countries is crucial to achieving the goals established at the Summit and to ensuring that no country or community is left behind in the pursuit of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society.	4. We reaffirm the principle of the sovereign equality of all States. We believe that the equitable participation of governments and stakeholders from all countries is crucial to achieving the goals established at the Summit and to ensuring that no country or community is left behind in the pursuit of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society. <u>We acknowledge that particular attention should be paid to addressing connectivity challenges faced by developing countries, including least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing states.</u>	Since the inception of WSIS, developing countries have experienced distinct and varying challenges in pursuing the WSIS vision. It is important to acknowledge these challenges to ensure attention is given to addressing those challenges.
5. We recognize that governments and other stakeholders from many developing countries face barriers to participating fully in international digital	5. We recognize that governments and other stakeholders from many developing countries face barriers to participating fully in international global	We recommend “global” digital governance, as it is the commonly used term to refer to multistakeholder cooperation, while

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
governance and policy-making processes due to financial, technical, and institutional constraints, and encourage them to ensure that decision-making, governance and standardisation processes concerned with the Information Society enable full and effective participation by all stakeholders, particularly from developing countries. We will pay particular attention to the diverse needs and challenges faced by developing countries and countries in special situations, in particular African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.	digital governance and policy-making processes due to financial, technical, and institutional constraints, and encourage them to ensure that decision-making, governance and standardisation processes concerned with the Information Society enable full and effective participation by all stakeholders, particularly from developing countries. We will pay particular attention to the diverse needs and challenges faced by developing countries and countries in special situations, in particular African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.	“international” traditionally refers to multilateral cooperation.
10. We are concerned with the critical digital divides between and within countries in the development, access and use of digital technologies, which constrain the achievement of WSIS goals. Closing these divides requires investment in infrastructure and connectivity, along with efforts to ensure the affordability of networks and devices, availability of content and services with linguistic diversity, and development of digital skills and capabilities.	10. We are concerned with the critical digital divides between and within countries in the development, access and use of digital technologies, which constrain the achievement of WSIS goals. Closing these divides requires, <u>among other actions, strengthened enabling policy environments</u> , investment in infrastructure and connectivity, along with efforts to ensure the affordability of networks and devices, availability of content and services with linguistic diversity, and development of digital skills and capabilities.	We believe that strengthened enabling policy environments are needed to close digital divides and recommend closer alignment to the WSIS+10 outcome document, which states: 6...among other actions, strengthened enabling policy environments and international cooperation to improve affordability, access, education, capacity-building, multilingualism, cultural preservation, investment and appropriate financing.
12. We are committed to addressing the access and specific information and technology challenges facing children, adolescents and youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, migrants, refugees and internally displaced people and those in vulnerable situations, and to the needs of future generations.	12. We are committed to addressing the access and specific information and technology challenges facing children, adolescents and youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, migrants, refugees and internally displaced people and those in vulnerable situations, and to the needs of future generations.	Retain language. Acknowledging and explicitly committing efforts in support of these demographics is crucial, as such efforts will help reduce global inequality.
Information and communications technologies for development	Information and communications technologies for development	Information and communications technologies for development
16. We are deeply concerned, however, that this development potential remains constrained by persistent inequalities between and within countries,	16. We are deeply concerned, however, that this development potential remains constrained by persistent inequalities between and within countries,	Recognizing the central importance of closing the digital divides is a crucial aspect of an impact-focused outcome document. Per our

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
regions and communities. A third of the world's population still does not access the Internet, while many who have access face problems of affordability, limited content including content in locally relevant languages, low digital literacy and skills. We reaffirm the central importance of closing these digital divides as a core priority of the WSIS+20 process. Strengthened international cooperation and enabling policy environments are required to address gaps in these challenges to participation in the Information Society.	regions and communities. A third of the world's population still does not access the Internet, while many who have access face problems of affordability, limited content including content in locally relevant languages, low digital literacy and skills. <u>We reaffirm the central importance of closing these digital divides as a core priority of the WSIS+20 process. Strengthened international global cooperation and enabling policy environments are required to address gaps in these challenges.</u> We reaffirm the central importance of closing these digital divides as a core priority of the WSIS+20 process. Strengthened international cooperation and enabling policy environments are required to address gaps in these challenges to participation in the Information Society.	comments regarding paragraph 5, we recommend referring to “global” cooperation instead of “international” to convey the multistakeholder approach of the WSIS vision.
17. We acknowledge that developing digital public goods and digital public infrastructure are critical drivers of inclusive digital transformation and innovation and recognize the need to increase investment in their successful development with the participation of all stakeholders. Digital public goods include open-source software, open data, open artificial intelligence models, open standards and open content that adhere to privacy and other applicable international laws, standards and best practices and do no harm, empower societies and individuals to direct digital technologies to their development needs and can facilitate digital cooperation and investment. Resilient, safe, inclusive and interoperable digital public infrastructure has the potential to deliver services at scale and increase social and economic opportunities for all. We recognize that there are multiple models of digital public infrastructure, and we recognize that each society will develop and use	17. We acknowledge that developing digital public goods and digital public infrastructure are critical drivers of inclusive digital transformation and innovation and recognize the need to increase investment in their successful development with the participation of all stakeholders. Digital public goods include open-source software, open data, open artificial intelligence and data models, open standards and open content that adhere to privacy and other applicable international laws, standards and best practices and do no harm, empower societies and individuals to direct digital technologies to their development needs and can facilitate digital cooperation and investment. Resilient, safe, inclusive and interoperable digital public infrastructure has the potential to deliver services at scale and increase social and economic opportunities for all. We recognize that there are multiple models of digital public infrastructure, and we recognize that each society will develop and use	It is important that this paragraph note the importance of multistakeholder work to outline safeguards and guardrails for digital public infrastructure.

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
shared digital systems according to its particular priorities and needs.	shared digital systems according to its particular priorities and needs. <u>In this regard, we note the importance of evolving, multi-stakeholder initiatives providing guidance and guardrails for the design, implementation, and oversight of the UN Universal DPI Safeguards Framework.</u>	
Bridging digital divides	Bridging digital divides	Bridging digital divides
18. We recognize the critical importance of closing digital divides to fulfil the WSIS vision and ensuring that everyone can create, access, utilize and share information and knowledge in taking advantage of opportunities to improve their quality of life.	18. We recognize the critical importance of closing digital divides to fulfil the WSIS vision and ensuring that everyone can create, access, utilize and share information and knowledge in taking advantage of opportunities to improve their quality of life.	Retain language. It is significantly important to retain this paragraph, as it encapsulates some of the abilities that the WSIS vision should enable for everyone.
20. We express deep concern, however, about substantial and persistent digital divides between and within regions, countries and communities. The proportion of people reported by ITU as using the Internet in high-income countries (93 per cent) is three and a half times that in low-income countries (26.5 per cent), with the proportion below 20 per cent in some countries. The proportion of the population reported by ITU as accessing the Internet in urban areas worldwide is estimated to be almost 83 per cent, while that in rural areas is less than 50 per cent.	20. We express deep concern, however, about substantial and persistent digital divides between and within regions, countries and communities. The proportion of people reported by ITU as using the Internet in high-income countries (93 per cent) is three and a half times that in low-income countries (26.5 per cent), with the proportion below 20 per cent in some countries. The proportion of the population reported by ITU as accessing the Internet in urban areas worldwide is estimated to be almost 83 per cent, while that in rural areas is less than 50 per cent.	Retain language. We appreciate the inclusion of data to make the digital divide clearly visible for the work and commitments outlined in this document. The inclusion of data sources is also a positive addition.
23. We are further concerned that other groups that experience disadvantage are underrepresented online, including older persons, ethnic and linguistic minorities, Indigenous Peoples, refugees and migrants. We urge all stakeholders to include the perspectives and needs of people in vulnerable situations and those in underserved, rural and remote areas in the development and implementation of national and local strategies for digital connectivity.	23. We are further concerned that other groups that experience disadvantage are underrepresented online, including older persons, ethnic and linguistic minorities, Indigenous Peoples, refugees and migrants. We urge all stakeholders to include the perspectives and needs of people in vulnerable situations and those in underserved, rural and remote areas in the development and implementation of national and local strategies for digital connectivity.	Retain language. We strongly support the recognition of the needs of disadvantaged and underrepresented groups, including the necessary focus on those needs in the development and implementation of strategies for digital connectivity.

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
24. We recognize that these digital divides limit capabilities and opportunities for full participation in society. They reach beyond accessibility and include critical issues of affordability, language, ability, technological and innovation capacity, forming a multidimensional and widening challenge to sustainable development, and may exacerbate other social and economic inequalities. Overcoming them is fundamental to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the vision of the World Summit on the Information Society, and the objective and commitments of the Global Digital Compact.	24. We recognize that these digital divides limit capabilities and opportunities for full participation in society. They reach beyond accessibility and include critical issues of affordability, language, ability, technological and innovation capacity, forming a multidimensional and widening challenge to sustainable development, and may exacerbate other social and economic inequalities. Overcoming them is fundamental to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the vision of the World Summit on the Information Society, and the objective and commitments of the Global Digital Compact.	Retain language. This alignment should be maintained throughout the document to make sure the WSIS+20 outcome is aligned with the Global Digital Compact and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
26. We are committed to achieving entry-level broadband subscription costs that are accessible to the widest section of the population. This will require collaboration between private and public sectors, including blended finance as well as innovative mechanisms including universal service funds and community networks. We recognize the continued role of public access facilities such as schools, post offices, libraries and hospitals, in making access available to those in vulnerable situations.	26. We are committed to achieving entry-level broadband subscription costs that are accessible to the widest section of the population. This will require collaboration <u>among all stakeholders and</u> between private and public sectors, including blended finance as well as innovative mechanisms including <u>spectrum allocation</u> universal service funds and community- <u>centered connectivity efforts, such as community</u> networks. We recognize the continued role of public access facilities such as schools, post offices, libraries and hospitals, in making access available to those in vulnerable situations.	For the outcome document to be truly positioned to close digital divides, the language about multistakeholder cooperation must be retained. The reference to innovative mechanisms is positive and should be retained in future iterations of the document.
27. We reiterate the need for the development of local content and services in a variety of languages and formats that are accessible to all people, and recognize the vital importance of multilingualism to reflect the linguistic, cultural and historical diversity of all nations. We commend the work that has been done since WSIS to extend the multilingual nature of the Internet, including the introduction of Internationalised Domain Names and progress towards Universal Acceptance, and	27. We reiterate the need for the development of local content and services in a variety of languages and formats that are accessible to all people, and recognize the vital importance of multilingualism to reflect the linguistic, cultural and historical diversity of all nations. We commend the work that has been done since WSIS to extend the multilingual nature of the Internet, including the introduction of Internationalised Domain Names and progress towards Universal Acceptance, and	Retain language. We appreciate the inclusion of the reference to Universal Acceptance.

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
urge all stakeholders to ensure that the Internet and digital services become fully accessible to all, including Indigenous Peoples and speakers of minority languages.	urge all stakeholders to ensure that the Internet and digital services become fully accessible to all, including Indigenous Peoples and speakers of minority languages.	
The digital economy	The digital economy	The digital economy
32. We are encouraged that growing use of digital services has created opportunities for enterprises in all countries, including micro, small and medium enterprises, to provide digital services to serve both domestic and export markets. We welcome the work of United Nations agencies and development partners to support small businesses in developing countries, including businesses led by women, to take advantage of these opportunities, and urge all stakeholders to foster an inclusive and digital environment that enables micro, small and medium enterprises to thrive, with appropriate financial support and access to capital.	32. We are encouraged that growing use of digital services has created opportunities for enterprises in all countries, including micro, small and medium enterprises, to provide digital services to serve both domestic and export markets. We welcome the work of United Nations agencies and development partners to support small businesses in developing countries, including businesses led by women, to take advantage of these opportunities, and urge all stakeholders to foster an inclusive and digital environment that enables micro, small and medium enterprises to thrive, with appropriate financial support and access to capital.	Retain language. We consider it is important to retain these references in subsequent versions of the document. Women-led social enterprises are crucial for addressing global inequality.
The enabling environment for digital development	The enabling environment for digital development	The enabling environment for digital development
47. We recognize that science, technology and innovation are integral to digital development. We recognize the importance of ensuring that stakeholders in all countries are able to play a part in digital innovation, including the development and harmonisation of standards.	47. We recognize that science, technology and innovation are integral to digital development. We recognize the importance of ensuring that stakeholders in all countries are able to play a part in digital innovation, including the development and harmonisation of standards <u>through inclusive and transparent processes</u> .	While we value the need to align standards efforts, we recommend removing the reference to “harmonisation” as it is appropriate only in the context of mandatory standardization. Significant Internet-related standards rely on voluntary adoption. We also strongly recommend emphasizing the importance of inclusive and transparent standards development processes.
48. We note the importance of legal and regulatory frameworks concerned with the deployment of digital services including those concerned with market structure, digital transactions, data protection and data privacy, consumer rights and intellectual property, human rights and environmental impacts. We recognize	48. We note the importance of legal and regulatory frameworks concerned with the deployment of digital services including those concerned with market structure, digital transactions, data protection and data privacy, consumer rights and intellectual property, human rights and environmental impacts. We recognize	We strongly suggest that subsequent revisions list specific measures to foster an enabling environment. Our proposed language comes from paragraph 29 of the WSIS+10 outcome document. We strongly believe that the

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
that experience since the World Summit has demonstrated the effectiveness of certain approaches in promoting investment, bridging digital divides and fostering development. We support international, regional and national efforts to develop enabling environments for digital transformation, including predictable and transparent policy, legal and regulatory frameworks, and sharing of best practices. We call on all stakeholders, where requested, to provide technical assistance to developing countries, in line with national digital transformation policies and priorities.	that experience since the World Summit has demonstrated the effectiveness of certain approaches in promoting investment, bridging digital divides and fostering development. We support international, regional and national efforts to develop enabling environments for digital transformation, including predictable and transparent policy, legal and regulatory frameworks, <u>proportionate taxation and licensing fees, access to finance, facilitation of public-private partnerships, multi-stakeholder cooperation, national and regional broadband strategies, efficient allocation of the radio frequency spectrum, infrastructure sharing models, community-based connectivity approaches, public access facilities</u> , and sharing of best practices. We call on all stakeholders, where requested, to provide technical assistance to developing countries, in line with national digital transformation policies and priorities.	WSIS+20 outcome should reinforce these actionable measures. 29. ...We acknowledge that the mainstreaming of...proportionate taxation and licensing fees, access to finance, facilitation of public-private partnerships, multi-stakeholder cooperation, national and regional broadband strategies, efficient allocation of the radio frequency spectrum, infrastructure-sharing models, community-based approaches and public access facilities have in many countries facilitated significant gains in connectivity and sustainable development.
Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs	Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs	Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
53. We commend the significant efforts that have been taken by governments, the private sector, civil society and the technical community to build confidence and security and protect infrastructure, including critical Internet infrastructure, services, transactions and other digital activity, from the rising threat of malicious cyber activities and physical risks to infrastructure.	53. We commend the significant efforts that have been taken by governments, the private sector, civil society and the technical community to build confidence and security and protect infrastructure, including critical Internet infrastructure , services, transactions and other digital activity, from the rising threat of malicious cyber activities and physical risks to infrastructure.	We are deeply concerned about the addition of the term "critical Internet infrastructure", as there is no agreed definition nor common understanding of that term, and the paragraph already emphasizes protection of infrastructure. The Tunis Agenda uses the term "critical Internet resources" but only in the context of public policy issues, coordination, and management. The OEWS report, noted in paragraph 54 refers to the "critical information infrastructure (CII)", but the use of the CII term will expand the text outside of the WSIS

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
		mandate. We, therefore, suggest removing this term and referring only to the protection of "infrastructure".
Data governance	Data governance	Data governance
80. We note the establishment of a working group of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to engage in a comprehensive and inclusive multistakeholder dialogue on data governance at all levels as relevant for development, including on follow-up recommendations towards equitable and interoperable data governance arrangements.	80. We note the establishment of a working group of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to engage in a comprehensive and inclusive multistakeholder dialogue on data governance at all levels as relevant for development, including on follow-up recommendations towards equitable and interoperable data governance arrangements.	Retain language. We are pleased to see this wording and recommend it is retained in subsequent revisions, as it provides better alignment with the Global Digital Compact than the text included in the Zero Draft.
Internet governance	Internet governance	Internet governance
86. We reaffirm the working definition of Internet governance in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society as the development and application by governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.	86. We reaffirm the working definition of Internet governance in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society as the development and application by governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.	Retain language. This working definition has been the cornerstone for the Internet governance model, and reaffirming this approach is critical for the Internet's continued evolution, resilience and security. We also note this language aligns with paragraph 58 of the WSIS+10 outcome document.
87. We recognize that Internet governance must continue to be global and multistakeholder in nature with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, civil society, technical and academic communities, international organisations, and all other relevant stakeholders in accordance with their respective roles and responsibilities.	87. We recognize that Internet governance must continue to be global and multistakeholder in nature with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, civil society, technical and academic communities, international organisations, and all other relevant stakeholders in accordance with their respective roles and responsibilities.	Retain language. We are pleased to see that this paragraph has been revised to better align with paragraph 27 of the GDC, which recognizes that Internet governance must continue to be global and multistakeholder in nature.
88. We recognize the need to promote greater participation and engagement in Internet governance discussions of all stakeholders from all countries.	88. We recognize the need to promote greater participation and engagement in Internet governance discussions of all stakeholders from all countries.	Retain language.

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
Measures are needed to ensure more effective participation by stakeholders from developing countries and underrepresented groups, particularly African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states.	Measures are needed to ensure more effective participation by stakeholders from developing countries and underrepresented groups, particularly African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states.	This is core language that aligns with the WSIS+10 outcome document, which states: 61. We recognize that there is a need to promote greater participation and engagement in the Internet governance discussions. ...
89. We recognize that the Internet is a critical global facility for inclusive and equitable digital transformation. The open, interoperable nature of the Internet has underpinned the development of an extraordinary range of services and applications, reaching across the range of human society including governance, economy, development and rights. To fully benefit all, it must be open, global, interoperable, stable and secure. We reaffirm the need to promote international cooperation among all stakeholders to prevent, identify and address risks of fragmentation of the Internet.	89. We recognize that the Internet is a critical global facility for inclusive and equitable digital transformation. The open, interoperable nature of the Internet has underpinned the development of an extraordinary range of services and applications, reaching across the range of human society including governance, economy, development and rights. To fully benefit all, it must be open, global, interoperable, stable and secure. We reaffirm the need to promote international cooperation among all stakeholders to prevent, identify and address risks of fragmentation of the Internet.	Retain language. This is core language and aligns with the GDC, which states: 26. We recognize that the Internet is a critical global facility for inclusive and equitable digital transformation... We appreciate the recognition of the open, global, secure, and interoperable nature of the Internet, as it is crucial for its development and operation, as well as ensuring a people-centered Information Society. We also support the reaffirmation of the need for cooperation among stakeholders to prevent and address the risk of Internet fragmentation.
90. We reaffirm that Internet governance should continue to follow the provisions set forth in the outcomes of the summits held in Geneva and Tunis, including in relation to enhanced cooperation.	90. We reaffirm that Internet governance should continue to follow the provisions set forth in the outcomes of the summits held in Geneva and Tunis; including in relation to enhanced cooperation.	We suggest removing the reference to enhanced cooperation to align the document with the WSIS+10 outcome document.
91. We recall the work of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation, established by the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/125, to develop recommendations on	91. We recall the work of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation, established by the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/125, to develop recommendations on	Strike paragraph 91 of rev.1. We suggest removing this reference from subsequent revisions of this document. As indicated by the CSTD, the complexity and

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda.	how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda:	political sensitivity of the topic did not allow the working group (2016-2018) to agree on a set of recommendations
92. We reaffirm our commitment to maintain and improve the coordination of the activities of international and intergovernmental organisations and other stakeholders concerned with Internet governance.	92. We reaffirm our commitment to maintain and improve the coordination of the activities of international and intergovernmental organisations and other stakeholders concerned with Internet governance.	Strike paragraph 92 of rev.1. We suggest removing this language to streamline the document, as this collaboration is included in paragraph 88.
93. We take note of the NETmundial+10 guidelines for multistakeholder collaboration and consensus-building, endorsed in April 2024, as a contribution to strengthening Internet governance through inclusive participation, balanced representation and openness.	93. We take note of the NETmundial+10 guidelines for multistakeholder collaboration and consensus-building, endorsed in April 2024, as a contribution to strengthening Internet governance through inclusive participation, balanced representation and openness.	Retain language. We are pleased to see this inclusion and strongly recommend retaining it in subsequent revisions of the document.
95. We applaud the successful development of the Internet Governance Forum, established by the Secretary-General following the World Summit on the Information Society, which provides a unique platform for multistakeholder discussion of Internet governance issues, including emerging issues, as reflected in paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.	95. We applaud the successful development of the Internet Governance Forum, established by the Secretary-General following the World Summit on the Information Society, which provides a unique platform for multistakeholder discussion of Internet governance issues, including emerging issues, as reflected in paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.	Retain language. We welcome the recognition of the Secretary-General's establishment of the IGF in paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda.
96. We welcome the evolution of the Internet Governance Forum from an annual meeting into a broader ecosystem encompassing intersessional and other activities, including Dynamic Coalitions, Best Practice Forums and Policy Networks. We particularly welcome the emergence of more than 170 National, Regional and Youth Internet Governance Forums, which have enhanced multistakeholder discussion of relevant issues in all continents, many sub-regions and a majority of Member States. We also welcome the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Forum's Leadership Panel.	96. We welcome the evolution of the Internet Governance Forum from an annual meeting into a broader ecosystem encompassing intersessional and other activities, including Dynamic Coalitions, Best Practice Forums and Policy Networks. We particularly welcome the emergence of more than 170 National, Regional and Youth Internet Governance Forums, which have enhanced multistakeholder discussion of relevant issues in all continents, many sub-regions and a majority of Member States. We also welcome the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Forum's Leadership Panel.	Retain language. We strongly recommend this paragraph is retained and commend the references to the IGF intersessional activities and the National, Regional and Youth Internet Governance Forums (NRIs).

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
97. We recognize the successful steps that have been taken since the ten-year review of the World Summit to improve the working modalities of the Internet Governance Forum, increase and broaden the participation of governments and other stakeholders, particularly from developing countries and under-represented groups, build stronger relationships with other digital discussion fora, and enable more substantive outcomes that can achieve greater impact. We call for these measures to continue and request the Forum to report annually on progress towards their implementation to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.	97. We recognize the successful steps that have been taken since the ten-year review of the World Summit to improve the working modalities of the Internet Governance Forum, increase and broaden the participation of governments and other stakeholders, particularly from developing countries and under-represented groups, build stronger relationships with other digital discussion fora, and enable more substantive outcomes that can achieve greater impact. We call for these measures to continue and request the Forum to report annually on progress towards their implementation to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.	Retain language. We recommend retaining this text in subsequent reviews of the document. The IGF Secretariat, and the broader IGF community, have actively worked to strengthen and broaden participation from all stakeholders. Although there is still more to be done, it is important to acknowledge the impact that has been achieved so far.
98. We decide that the Internet Governance Forum shall be made a permanent forum of the United Nations.	98. We decide that the Internet Governance Forum shall be made a permanent forum of the United Nations.	Retain language. We strongly support the permanent mandate for the Internet Governance Forum as a key outcome of the WSIS+20.
99. We call upon the Forum to report on outcomes of its annual meetings and intersessional work to relevant United Nations entities and processes, and call, in particular, on the United Nations Group on the Information Society and all relevant United Nations agencies, action line facilitators, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the WSIS Forum to take Internet Governance Forum outcomes into account in their work and proceedings.	99. We call upon the Forum to report on outcomes of its annual meetings and intersessional work to relevant United Nations entities and processes, and call, in particular, on the United Nations Group on the Information Society and all relevant United Nations agencies, action line facilitators, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the WSIS Forum to take Internet Governance Forum outcomes into account in their work and proceedings.	Retain language. We are pleased to see this language is retained, as it is important to ensure that insights from the IGF are coordinated with other WSIS processes, and the UN as a whole. This helps avoid duplication, while also strengthening work on those areas of most urgent need.
100. We also call upon the Forum to enhance its working modalities, including by reinforcing its intersessional work and supporting national and regional initiatives, and to apply innovative, open, inclusive, transparent and agile collaboration methods. We emphasize the need to broaden the participation of all relevant stakeholders,	100. We also call upon the Forum to enhance its working modalities, including by reinforcing its intersessional work and supporting national and regional initiatives, and to apply innovative, open, inclusive, transparent and agile collaboration methods. We emphasize the need to broaden the participation of all relevant stakeholders,	The addition of language from the Zero Draft to Rev.1 is positive. We suggest referring to all stakeholders to streamline the text.

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
with particular attention to underrepresented communities as well as Governments and other stakeholders from developing countries. The Internet Governance Forum should continue to serve as an inclusive platform for dialogue among all stakeholders, while further strengthening the engagement of governments and other stakeholders from developing countries in discussions on Internet governance and emerging technologies.	with particular attention to underrepresented communities as well as Governments and other stakeholders from developing countries. The Internet Governance Forum should continue to serve as an inclusive platform for dialogue among all stakeholders, while further strengthening the engagement of governments and other all stakeholders from developing countries in discussions on Internet governance and emerging technologies.	
101. We call for the strengthening of the Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum, to enable it to continue its development, implement further improvements and support the work of National and Regional Internet Governance Forums and intersessional activities, and invite the Secretary-General to make proposals concerning future funding for the Forum.	101. We call for the strengthening of the Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum, to enable it to continue its development, implement further improvements and support the work of National and Regional Internet Governance Forums and intersessional activities, and invite the Secretary-General to make proposals, <u>in collaboration with existing IGF funders and other stakeholders</u> , concerning future funding for the Forum <u>that ensure stable, predictable, and sustainable financial support while preserving its independence.</u>	While we welcome the call to strengthen the IGF Secretariat, we would like to see stronger language towards effective multistakeholder collaboration on the future funding of the IGF.
The development of the WSIS framework	The development of the WSIS framework	The development of the WSIS framework
104. We recognize the importance of ensuring alignment in implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Pact for the Future and the Global Digital Compact, building synergies between them to ensure their effective implementation and avoiding wasteful duplication of resources and decision-making processes. We recognize in particular the importance of enabling all governments and other stakeholders from all countries to play a full part in achieving their fulfilment.	104. We recognize the importance of ensuring alignment in implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Pact for the Future and the Global Digital Compact, building synergies between them to ensure their effective implementation and avoiding wasteful duplication of resources and decision-making processes. We recognize in particular the importance of enabling all governments and other stakeholders from all countries to play a full part in achieving their fulfilment.	We suggest referring to all stakeholders to streamline the text.
108. We applaud the work of the International Telecommunication Union in collaboration with the	108. We applaud the work of the International Telecommunication Union in collaboration with the	We are deeply concerned about the proposal of deleting the references to the WSIS Action

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme to establish the annual World Summit on the Information Society Forum, which has become an important platform for the sharing of information and best practice and for multistakeholder dialogue and collaboration and for developing networks and coordinating initiatives to implement the WSIS vision. We call for the Forum to be continued annually.	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme to establish the annual World Summit on the Information Society Forum, which has become an important platform for the sharing of information and best practice and for multistakeholder dialogue and collaboration and for developing networks and coordinating initiatives <u>to review and support the implementation of the Summit's Action Lines</u> to implement the WSIS vision . We call for the Forum to be continued annually.	Lines, as the WSIS Forum's purpose is directly related to them. Losing this reference would damage the Forum's ability to drive impact focused on the WSIS Action Lines, eroding its distinctive role within the WSIS architecture.
111. We request the Action Line facilitators, in coordination with UNGIS, to develop targeted and result-oriented implementation roadmaps for their respective Action Lines and the outcomes of the present resolution, linking the WSIS Action Lines with relevant Sustainable Development Goal targets and Global Digital Compact commitments, including potential targets, indicators and metrics to facilitate monitoring and measurement, and to report on the outcomes of this work to the thirtieth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in 2027.	111. We request the Action Line facilitators, in coordination with UNGIS, to develop targeted and result-oriented implementation roadmaps for their respective Action Lines and the outcomes of the present resolution, linking the WSIS Action Lines with relevant Sustainable Development Goal targets and Global Digital Compact commitments, including potential targets, indicators and metrics to facilitate monitoring and measurement, and to report on the outcomes of this work to the thirtieth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in 2027.	Retain language. This paragraph proposes an important improvement on how to enhance the measurement of the Action Lines implementation.
Follow-up and review	Follow-up and review	Follow-up and review
118. We stress the need to ensure convergence between the implementation of the World Summit outcomes and the Global Digital Compact to avoid duplication and enhance synergies, efficiencies and thereby impact.	118. We stress the need to ensure convergence between the implementation of the World Summit outcomes and the Global Digital Compact to avoid duplication and enhance synergies, efficiencies and thereby impact.	Retain language. We welcome the recognition that there needs to be a convergence between the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the GDC commitments to avoid duplication and maximize impact.

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
119. We call for the continuation and strengthening of the work of the United Nations Group on the Information Society as the United Nations system's inter-agency mechanism for advancing policy coherence and programme coordination on digital matters, in support of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the Global Digital Compact. We request the Secretary-General, in consultation with members of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to enhance the agility, efficiency and effectiveness of UNGIS and expand its membership with further United Nations entities, with a view to fostering dialogue, partnership-building and review of progress on digital cooperation.	119. We call for the continuation and strengthening of the work of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (<u>UNGIS</u>) as the United Nations system's inter-agency mechanism for advancing policy coherence and programme coordination on digital matters, in support of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the Global Digital Compact. We request <u>UNGIS</u> the Secretary-General, in consultation with members of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to enhance its <u>the</u> agility, efficiency and effectiveness, of UNGIS and expand its membership with further United Nations entities, <u>as well as multistakeholder advice</u> , with a view to fostering dialogue, partnership-building and review of progress on digital cooperation.	We are concerned about the proposal for the Secretary-General to adjust UNGIS and the removal of incorporating multistakeholder advice to UNGIS. WSIS has proven to be effective as a bottom-up and multistakeholder framework. It would be appropriate to call for UNGIS to incorporate multistakeholder advice and to provide recommendations on how to adjust UNGIS.
120. We note with appreciation the World Summit process and 2030 Agenda–Global Digital Compact matrix, prepared by the United Nations Group on the Information Society, which maps the objectives and commitments of the Global Digital Compact to existing World Summit structures, mechanisms and activities, providing a structured approach for effective follow-up and implementation. Building on this work and consistent with the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, we request the United Nations Group on the Information Society, within existing mandates and resources, to prepare a joint implementation roadmap, to be presented for consideration by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-ninth session in 2026. The roadmap should aim to strengthen coherence between the World Summit and Global Digital Compact	120. We note with appreciation the World Summit process and 2030 Agenda–Global Digital Compact matrix, prepared by the United Nations Group on the Information Society, which maps the objectives and commitments of the Global Digital Compact to existing World Summit structures, mechanisms and activities, providing a structured approach for effective follow-up and implementation. Building on this work and consistent with the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, we request the United Nations Group on the Information Society, within existing mandates and resources, to prepare a joint implementation roadmap, to be presented for consideration by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-ninth session in 2026. The roadmap should aim to strengthen coherence between the World Summit and Global	Retain language. We welcome the call to prepare a joint implementation roadmap to strengthen coherence between the WSIS and GDC processes to avoid duplication and ensure an efficient approach to digital cooperation.

Rev1 Text	Internet Society Suggestions to Rev1	Rationale
processes, ensuring a unified, resource-efficient approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes synergies across the United Nations system.	Digital Compact processes, ensuring a unified, resource-efficient approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes synergies across the United Nations system.	