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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNION

Please find attached Annex 4 to the report of the Council on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and activities of the Union: “Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS Activities since PP-10”.

ANNEX 4

REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE CWG-WSIS ACTIVITIES SINCE PP-10

1 Introduction

- 1.1. The CWG-WSIS was created in 2002 ([Resolution 1196](#)). In October 2010, [PP10](#) endorsed the relevant work already undertaken and/or to be carried out by ITU in implementing the WSIS outcomes, under the aegis of Council Working Group on WSIS (CWG-WSIS) and the WSIS Task Force. PP-10 also considered that CWG-WSIS has proven to be an effective mechanism for facilitating Member States inputs on the role of ITU in implementing WSIS outcomes, as envisaged by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006).
- 1.2. The Council is requested to maintain the CWG-WSIS in line with Resolution 140 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Guadalajara 2010). CWG-WSIS Terms of Reference are listed in the Annex to the Council Resolution 1332. In addition Council 2011 Resolution 1334 invites the Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society to review the preparatory activities of the ITU in the context of convening the WSIS+10 High-Level Event; to monitor and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to the implementation of this resolution; and to consider ITU's contributions to various options for themes relevant to the substance of WSIS+10 and beyond with the assistance of the WSIS Task Force.
- 1.3. In 2011 a Council Working Group (CWG) on Internet related public policy issues was established as a separate group by Council Resolution 1336, in accordance with Resolutions 102 and 140 of the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference.
- 1.4. The CWG-WSIS is open to all ITU Member States and Sector Members and is chaired by Prof. Dr Vladimir Minkin (Russian Federation), and vice-chairs Ms Nermine El Saadany (Egypt), Mr Majed Al Mazyed (Saudi Arabia) and Mr Frederick Riehl (Switzerland).

2 CWG-WSIS Activities

- 2.1 Since the last Plenipotentiary conference the CWG-WSIS facilitated inputs from membership on the ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes through its regular meetings and circular letters, questionnaires or other appropriate methods of query.
- 2.2 CWG-WSIS held eight meetings and considered more than 120 documents. This document comprises of a consolidation of the key undertakings of the group.

- 2.2.1 Summary of the main results of the [18th Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held from 25 – 26 May 2011, including the fifth meeting of the Dedicated Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (Document [WG-WSIS-18/18](#)),
 - 2.2.2 Summary of the main results of the [19th Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held on 10 October 2011 (Document [WG-WSIS-19/7](#)),
 - 2.2.3 Summary of the main results of the [20th Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held from 6 – 7 June 2012 (Document [WG-WSIS-20/23](#)),
 - 2.2.4 Summary of the main results of the [21st Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held from 1 & 4 February 2013 (Document [WG-WSIS-21/22](#)),
 - 2.2.5 Summary of the main results of the [22nd Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held from 30-31 May & 10 June 2013, including an [addendum to the report](#) of the WG-WSIS (Documents [WG-WSIS-22/39 and 43](#)),
 - 2.2.6 Extraordinary Meeting: Follow up to the Revised Resolution 1334, 20 June 2013, 16:45, ITU Headquarters,
 - 2.2.7 Summary of the main results of the [23rd Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held from 19-20 February 2014 (Document [WG-WSIS-23/17](#)).
 - 2.2.8 Summary of the main results of the [24th Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held on 5 May 2014 (Document [WG-WSIS-24/4](#)).
 - 2.2.9 Summary of the main results of the [25th Meeting](#) of the CWG-WSIS; held on 2-3 October 2014 (Document [WG-WSIS-25/26](#)).
- 2.3 Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS were submitted to each session of the Council, providing recommendations that facilitated decision making process, as listed below. More than 150 recommendations have been endorsed by Council since PP-10, including two drafts of Resolutions.
- 2.3.1 Council 2011 took note of the Report of CWG-WSIS (Document [C11/33-E](#)) and considered [Document C11/74-E \(Russian Federation\)](#) and adopted Resolution 1332 (Document C-11/95) – ITU role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes up to 2015 and future activities beyond WSIS+10 and Resolution 1334 (Document C-11/97) – ITU Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.
 - 2.3.2 Council 2012 took note of the Report of CWG-WSIS (Document [C12/55-E](#)) and modified Resolution 1334 (Document C-12/101).
 - 2.3.3 Council 2013 took note of the Report of CWG-WSIS (Document [C13/66-E](#)) and Addendum Document [C13/66](#) that further reports on the outcomes of the discussions in context of the ITUs role in the Overall Review of the WSIS Implementation held during a second session of the 22nd meeting held on 10th June (10:00-13:00). Council 2013 also considered Document [C13/85-E: Contribution from the Republic of Poland on WSIS Indicators](#) and Document [C13/57-E : Contribution from the Russian Federation on Preparations for WSIS+10](#) and modified Resolution 1334 (Document C-13/108).

- 2.3.4 Council 2014 approved the Report of CWG-WSIS (Document [C14/38-E](#)) and Addendum that further reports on the outcomes of the discussions in context of the ITUs role in the Overall Review of the WSIS Implementation.
- 2.4 The CWG-WSIS continued to consider inputs from membership on implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes by ITU, through circular letters, questionnaires and other appropriate methods of query. The following presents some of the examples of the open consultations undertaken by ITU following the guidance of CWG-WSIS:
- 2.4.1 WSIS Forum 2011: Open Consultation to exchange their views on moving the venue of the WSIS Forum from Geneva to New York,
- 2.4.2 WSIS Forum 2011: Open Consultation Process on the Thematic Aspects,
- 2.4.3 WSIS Forum 2012: Open Consultation Process on the Thematic Aspects and New Innovative Format,
- 2.4.4 WSIS Forum 2013: Invitation to contribute to the Open Consultation Process on the Thematic Aspects and innovations on the Format,
- 2.4.5 WSIS+10 High level Event: Open Consultation Process on developing multistakeholder consensus on two draft Outcome Documents and the thematic aspects, and innovations on the format of the Event,
- 2.4.6 Call for action for the Final quantitative Assessment Report on the Achievements of the WSIS Targets,
- 2.4.7 Call for Action for the 10-Year Country Reports,
- 2.4.8 Call for Action for the 10- Year Action Line Reports,
- 2.4.9 Reporting on WSIS Stocktaking database, nomination of projects for WSIS Project Prizes and call for action for WSIS Stocktaking Report in 2012, 2013 and 2014, launch of Success Stories 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and WSIS Stocktaking Regional Reports 2013.
- 2.5 The CWG-WSIS continued to monitor and evaluate on a yearly basis the actions taken by ITU with respect to implementation of WSIS outcomes. The ITU Secretary General and the Directors of the Bureaux have regularly informed the CWG-WSIS and Council on the work carried out to implement the decisions under Resolution 140 (Guadalajara 2010). More than 100 documents have been submitted by the Secretariat to these meetings that are listed in the Summaries of the Meetings.

3 Proposals for adapting ITU to its role in building the information society (Res 140)

- 3.1 Based on the Chairman's document WG-WSIS-23-14 on Adapting ITU to its role in building the information society while implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (Res 140), the CWG-WSIS noted the document and after discussion agreed to include in this report the revised list of series of key adaptations that have been carried out since the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference, as follows:
- 3.1.1 The WSIS Task Force, chaired by the Deputy- Secretary General of the ITU, is an effective and efficient mechanism to coordinate substantive and policy issues on implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS ensuring smooth adaptation of ITU in its role in building the information society.
- 3.1.2 The Sectors and the General Secretariat have appointed the ITU Focal Points for WSIS that are accountable for WSIS Implementation and coordination in their respective areas. The focal points regularly attend the WSIS Task Force and integrate the strategic decisions of the Task Force in the sector activities. List of ITU- WSIS Focal Points is available here:
http://www.itu.int/itu-wsis/focal-points_al.html
http://www.itu.int/itu-wsis/focal-points_oth.html
- 3.1.3 Since the Plenipotentiary Conference 2010 specific tasks, objectives and deadlines have been developed for implementing WSIS activities and incorporating them in the operational plans of the General Secretariat and three Sectors. Thereby the implementation role of the sectors has been strengthened and the links between WSIS related activities enhanced.
- 3.1.4 Broadband Commission, created on the initiative of ITU, has been recognized at the international level as a unique advisory and monitoring platform, with the aim of strengthening communication on the new paradigm of Broadband as a key enabler for sustainable development.
- 3.1.5 Mechanism for regular reporting on WSIS related activities of ITU encompassing the actions of three Sectors and the General Secretariat has been established. An annual publication on ITU's contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes has been successfully launched since 2011, providing yearly updates on the tasks carried out by the ITU at the operational and policy level, covering all assigned mandates with reference to the WSIS Process. It has paved the way for elaboration of the 10 year report to the Plenipotentiary Conference 2014.
- 3.1.6 Since 2011, the WSIS Action Line Roadmaps of ITU's activities in its role as the sole facilitator for Action Lines C2, C5, C6 have become a reference point for the stakeholders as well as an useful managerial tool for implementing the actions relevant to the Union.
- 3.1.7 A culture of multistakeholder processes and open consultations has been established by the WSIS Process thereby strengthening its ability to facilitate multistakeholder engagement. The WSIS+10 High Level Event Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform (MPP) initiated by the instructs from Council 2013, is a good

example of an open and inclusive mechanism. This is increasingly being adapted in the ITU work processes as a good practice.

- 3.1.8 With years the WSIS Forum, hosted by the ITU in collaboration with other UN Action Line facilitators, since its beginning, became an efficient global platform for coordination of the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes. It attracts more than 1800 stakeholders annually providing the ITU the opportunity to facilitate international cooperation, identify the emerging trends in 11 WSIS Action Lines, as well as engage new stakeholders in the work of the Union.
- 3.1.9 WSIS Stocktaking Process, including WSIS Project Prizes, became a unique platform for collection of ICT related projects providing significant contribution to the transfer of knowledge and sharing best practices at the global level, necessary to accelerate the process of building inclusive Information Society.

4 Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (Res. 172, Guadalajara, 2010)

- 4.1 Since PP-10 CWG-WSIS has been providing strategic guidance on the ITU activities related to the ITU role in the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes. The group has been reviewing the preparatory activities of the ITU in the context of convening a high-level event on the occasion of WSIS+10; monitoring and discussing the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to the implementation of the PP-10 Resolution 172 and Council Res. 1334; and considering ITU's contributions to various options for themes relevant to the substance of WSIS+10 and beyond with the assistance of the WSIS Task Force.
- 4.2 The Group considered several inputs to the meetings submitted by the ITU Membership and Secretariat, in particular focusing on the following:
 - 4.2.1 Coordination of the UN efforts at the level of the Chief Executives Board,
 - 4.2.2 UNGIS Open Consultation on WSIS+10 leading towards elaboration of the UNGIS Action Plan,
 - 4.2.3 WSIS Forums,
 - 4.2.4 Ministerial Round Table as an integral part of the annual WSIS Forum,
 - 4.2.5 WSIS+10 Visioning Challenge,
 - 4.2.6 WSIS+10 Fund in Trust,
 - 4.2.7 Regional Development Forums held in six regions,
 - 4.2.8 10 Year WSIS Implementation Country Reports,

- 4.2.9 10 Year reports on Action Lines C2, C5, C6,
 - 4.2.10 Activities of the Partnership for Measuring ICT for Development,
 - 4.2.11 ITU Contribution to the UNESCO Multi-stakeholder Event on *Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development*,
 - 4.2.12 Modalities for the Preparatory Process of the WSIS+10 High Level Event,
 - 4.2.13 WSIS+10 Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform,
 - 4.2.14 Preparations towards the WSIS+10 High Level Event.
- 4.3 Based on provided inputs, the Group provided recommendations to the Council on several issues related to the Overall Review and in particular ITU's role in this process. New Council Resolution 1334 on the *ITU Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes* has been proposed and adopted at the Council-12 and later on amended in 2013. The Group also proposed comprehensive model for multistakeholder Preparatory process leading towards elaboration of the consensus based outcome documents to be adopted by the WSIS+10 High Level Event, i.e. WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes and WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015. The Group drew a special attention to the need of creating synergies and link to the ongoing review process on MDGs leading towards establishment of the Post 2015 Development Agenda.
- 4.4 The Group monitored the developments at the UN level, including CSTD, ECOSOC, UNGA in context of the Overall Review in order that the ITU activities do not prejudice and not duplicate any of ongoing efforts. Implications of new UNGA Resolutions A/68/302 on Modalities for the Overall Review of Implementation of WSIS Outcome have been studied during the 25th Meeting.
- 4.5 The 25th meeting of CWG-WSIS examined the outcomes of the WSIS+10 High Level Event and recommended to Council the following taking into account UNGA Resolution A/68/302:
- 4.5.1 To express satisfaction and appreciation for the ITUs efforts on initiating and coordinating the WSIS+10 Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform (MPP) and WSIS+10 High Level Event in close collaboration with other relevant UN agencies.
 - 4.5.2 To express satisfaction and appreciation for the efforts and contributions of other relevant UN agencies and all other stakeholders during the WSIS+10 MPP and the WSIS+10 High Level Event.
 - 4.5.3 To endorse the WSIS+10 High Level Event Outcomes, i.e. WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation on WSIS Outcomes and WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015.
 - 4.5.4 That ITU should continue to play a leading facilitating role in the WSIS implementation process, along with UNESCO and other UN agencies, including coordination of WSIS Forums, WITSD, WSIS Project Prizes and maintain WSIS Stocktaking database, subject to the outcomes of the UNGA Overall Review in December 2015.

- 4.5.5 To encourage ITU membership to actively participate in the preparatory process of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on overall review of WSIS outcomes, and promote the outcomes of WSIS+10 High Level Event.
- 4.5.6 To submit to the December 2015 UN GA overall review high level meeting the successful outcome documents of the ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High Level Event elaborated through its Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform. The Outcome Documents have been already sent to the CSTD, which is conducting 10 year UN system wide review of implementation of WSIS outcomes.
- 4.5.7 UN General Assembly be encouraged to consider the WSIS+10 High Level Event Outcomes Documents, which were developed through the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform that takes stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Geneva 2003 outcomes and addresses potential information and communications technology gaps and areas for continued focus, as well as addressing challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and harnessing information and communications technologies for development.
- 4.5.8 To encourage the Secretary General to present to UNGA within the modalities established by UNGA Res A/68/302, the ITU 10 year report on implementation of WSIS Outcomes that was provided as an input to the CSTD review and further encourages the ITU Secretary General to emphasize the ITU's role in the implementation of WSIS and the Millennium Development Goals and looks forward to supporting the outcomes from UNGA of the WSIS ten-year review and the post 2015 development agenda.
- 4.5.9 To invite ITU Membership to support creation of necessary synergies and institutional linkage between WSIS process beyond 2015 and Post 2015 Development Agenda to continue strengthening impact of ICT on sustainable development.
- 4.5.10 Council 2014 in approving the Report of the Council Working Group on WSIS took account of the view of the Working Group that additional indicative targets for Action Lines under ITU responsibilities (C2, C5 and C6) should be based on the targets agreed by PP-14 within the framework of the strategic and financial plans. The WSIS+10 High Level Event and its Outcome Document did not address this issue in detail. The Working Group notes the WSIS+10 Review to be undertaken by UNGA in December 2015. PP-14 may wish to consider the fact that targets and indicators may need to be reviewed with the view to ensure they are in alignment with the outcome of that Review process.
- 4.5.11 To encourage all stakeholders to contribute and closely collaborate with the Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development as an international, multistakeholder initiative to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries.
To take note with satisfaction on the WSIS+10 Report: ITU's Ten Year Contribution to the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up (2005-2014).

5 Working Definition of the Term "ICT"

- 5.1 The group noted the document [WG-WSIS-23/03](#) on the working definition of the term ICT, presented by Chairman providing an update on the work of the Correspondence Group

established to elaborate a working definition of the Term "ICT". TDAG 2013 endorsed the work of the Correspondence Group, noted the definition and directed the report of the Group to the Council and its Working Groups. The report was forwarded by the Council to PP-14 for its consideration and appropriate actions.

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 This “Report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS meetings held since PP-10” has been agreed at the 25th meeting of the CWG-WSIS and is available at www.itu.int/wg-wsis . This report is being submitted to the Council-14 session prior to the PP-14.
- 6.2 CWG-WSIS expressed its special thanks to all the ITU Member States and Sector Members who made contributions and participated in the work of the CWG-WSIS since PP-10, to the Vice-Chairmen Mr F.Riehl (Switzerland), Mr Al Mazyed (Saudi Arabia), and Nermine Saadany (Egypt). The Group would also like to thank the Secretary-General Dr H. Touré, Deputy Secretary–General and Chairman of WSIS Task Force Mr H. Zhao, the Bureaux Directors and staff of Bureaux and the General Secretariat, in particular, Mr J. Ponder and Ms. G. Sah for the provided efficient assistance.
- 6.3 Special appreciations were expressed to WSIS Stakeholders that have contributed towards the WSIS Fund in Trust (2011-2014) for defraying the costs of the WSIS related activities: Azerbaijan (Republic of), Belgium – Liège, Côte d’Ivoire (Republic of), Japan, Kazakhstan (Republic of), Kuwait (State of), Mexico, Oman (Sultanate of), Poland (Republic of), Qatar (State of), Rwanda (Republic of), Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of), Switzerland (Confederation of), Tanzania (United Republic of), Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Zimbabwe (Republic of) as well as Intel, HP, ICANN, IFIP, ISOC.
- 6.4 The Group expresses its profound appreciation and gratitude to the hard work and devotion of Prof. Dr. Vladimir Minkin, Chairman of CWG-WSIS, for his efforts during 2010-2014.
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