



**MISIÓN PERMANENTE DEL ESTADO PLURINACIONAL DE BOLIVIA
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS**

The Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the UN, in its capacity as Chair of the Group of 77 and China, presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions of Member States and Observer States and has the honor to circulate a copy of the proposed text sent on March 25 to the Co-facilitators on the modalities for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

After several meetings, the Group of 77 and China has come with alternative proposal to the Draft Zero, which we consider is a good basis to start consultations.

The Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the UN avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.



New York, March 28, 2014

To All Permanent Missions
of Member States and Observer States
to the United Nations

G77 25 March

“Modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society at its first phase, held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003, and endorsed by the General Assembly, and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the Summit at its second phase, held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005, and endorsed by the Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda, in which **requested** the General Assembly ~~was requested~~ to make ~~an~~ the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit in 2015, **and reaffirming the centrality of the GA as the nodal entity designated to conduct the overall review, with participation in accordance with General Assembly rules of procedure and practices,**

Recalling also paragraph 106 of the Tunis Agenda, according to which the World Summit implementation and follow-up should be an integral part of the United Nations integrated follow-up to major United Nations conferences;

Recalling further its resolution 68/198 of 20 December 2013 and, in particular, paragraph 22 by which it decided to finalize the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society to be held in 2015,

~~*Recognizing* the role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in assisting the Economic and Social Council as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up, in particular the review and assessment of the progress made in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, while at the same time maintaining its original mandate on science and technology for development,~~

Alt. Recalling also paragraph 112 of the Tunis Agenda, in which it called for periodic evaluations, using an agreed methodology as described in paras 113 to 120 of the Tunis Agenda, and in this regard, taking note of the periodic review and assessment of progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes by different processes and entities,

Bis. Recognizing the need for utilizing WSIS as a platform for deepening international cooperation to meet new ICT related challenges including individual freedom, protection of privacy data, security threat and criminal use and sovereignty.

ter. **Reaffirming** the concern that many developing countries lack affordable access to information and communications technologies and that for the majority of the poor the promise of science, technology and innovation remains unfulfilled, and emphasizing the need to effectively harness technology to bridge the digital divide, [A/RES/68/220]

quat. **Reaffirming** the need to more effectively harness the potential of information and communications technologies to promote the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, through sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and sustainable development, [A/RES/68/198]

quint. **Recognizing** that science, technology and innovation, including information and communications technologies, are vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and for the full participation of developing countries in the global economy; [A/RES/68/220]

sext. **Reaffirming** that science, technology and innovation are essential enablers and drivers for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the promotion of the economic, social and environmental components of sustainable development and should be given due consideration in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda; [A/RES/68/220]

1. Decides to convene a **Summit level meeting** ~~high-level meeting~~ of the plenary of the **General Assembly during its high level session in September 2015** to conduct the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society ~~on 20-21 July 2015 (or 1-2 October 2015)~~;
2. Decides that the overall review shall take stock of the progress made in implementing the WSIS outcomes, identify gaps **and means to address them** and reaffirm the political commitment to respond to the new challenges **that have emerged since 2005**, including bridging the digital divide, and **focussing on overarching objective of promotion of using** ~~to promote~~ information and communications technologies for development;

2bis. Also decides that the overall review will consist of a series of preparatory meetings of the General Assembly led by the President of the General Assembly;

2ter. Requests the PGA to appoint two co-facilitators for conducting consultations on the concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented intergovernmentally negotiated outcome document no later than the end of April 2014;

- ~~3. Also decides that the overall review will consist of an opening plenary meeting on the first day from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., two consecutive round tables on the first day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and two consecutive round tables on the second day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., followed by a closing plenary meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.;~~

3alt. Invites the PGA to convene a two day outreach session, in a format as deemed appropriate, where the PGA along with the two co-facilitators will engage with all relevant multistakeholders including private sector, civil society and NGO representatives, (to be decided by PGA in consultation with member states on a no-objection basis) and thereafter present their views and suggestions for consideration by the General Assembly;

- ~~4. Decides that the speakers at the opening plenary meeting will be as follows: the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, and a representative United Nations system, private sector and civil society who will be chosen from among non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as those who were duly accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society to be recommended by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States;~~

4alt. Decides that the speakers of the GA plenary meeting will be as follows: the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, a representative of the UN system, representatives of major political and regional groups, Member and Observer States and Observers;

5. Decides further that the organizational arrangements of the **process of review shall** ~~round tables~~ will be as follows:

~~(a) The round tables will address the overall theme of “Reviewing the progress and challenges in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”;~~

(a) Alt. The overall theme of the review will focus on “Reviewing the progress, addressing the gaps and emerging new challenges in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information

Society, including identification of means of implementation of the existing gaps and new challenges”;

~~(b) Each round table will be chaired at the Ministerial level or other high official level to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly;~~

(b) Alt. Each preparatory meeting will be chaired by the two co-facilitators, in accordance with GA rules of procedure;

~~(c) Participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, private sector and civil society and non-governmental organizations;~~

(c) Alt Participation in each preparatory meeting will include Member and Observer States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, and these meetings would be conducted per GA Rules of procedure;

~~(d) The President of the General Assembly shall draw up a list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as those who were duly accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society, who may participate in the high-level meeting;~~

~~(e) The President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of representative of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, taking into account the principle of transparency and the principle of equitable geographic representation, and submit the proposed list to Member States on a non-objection basis for their consideration and bring the list to the attention of the Assembly;~~

~~6. Decides that the closing plenary meeting will comprise the presentation of summaries of the round tables and the adoption of a concise, focused, action-oriented outcome document.~~

6.alt. Decides that the meeting will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented intergovernmentally negotiated outcome document for implementation;