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Ref: Statement in response to the Secretary General's Report for the Fifth
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I would like to express the following thoughts concerning Section 2.2 Themes for the WTPF-13.

Concerning the last theme quoted below, I believe it would be helpful to the membership here, and all interested parties around the world, if we first clarify the ITU's current role in Internet Governance. I believe this could be achieved by the appropriate insertion of a qualifying word or two. For the sake of simplicity, I've suggested such various words highlighted in yellow.

- On the basis of reciprocity, to explore ways and means for greater collaboration and coordination between ITU and relevant organizations - including, but not limited to, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet Society (ISOC) and the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) - involved in the development of IP-based networks and the future internet, through cooperation agreements, as appropriate, in order to increase the role of the ITU in facilitating/ fostering/ supporting/ developing an Internet governance model/ system so as to ensure maximum benefits to the global community.

Reasoning: As this statement currently reads, it's a bit ambiguous in the sense that too much is left up to interpretation. If clarification is not made, then one could be lead to believe that the ITU intends to develop and enforce Internet Governance on it's own, which is clearly not the ITU's intention.

Thank you very much.

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