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**POLICY STATEMENT**

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Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I believe all of us here will acknowledge that there has been some measure of success in achieving the MDGs. However with that success, new challenges have emerged.

In Malaysia today, and many other countries, the Internet has brought us challenges of a social nature, resulting in the attrition of cultural and traditional norms.

As we make broadband more accessible, Internet adoption increases. ICT is now embedded and applied in everything we do. The digital lifestyle we spoke of 10 years ago is happening today.

Today, it is about big data analytics, OTT and protection of personal data. Buying and selling data have become lucrative businesses.

In the coming years, we will have a spectrum crunch. There will be more competition for scarce resources. More work cut out for us in trying to protect cyberspace.

Because in the past 10 years, we have realized that there is a dark and sinister side to all this. We have begun to look at cyber-threats and cyber-security. Interpol divides cybercrime into three broad areas: attacks against computer hardware and software, financial crimes, and abuse, especially of young people. Trends show that cyber-crime will soon overtake “traditional” crime.

Today, we already face complex privacy, security, and cultural issues relating to the Internet, one of mankind's most influential civilizational tools. But it comes with great responsibility, and Governments cannot abdicate the need to protect citizens in this vast, often anonymous, space, and also, the need to uphold their own sovereignty.

People often forget that cyberspace is not a lawless space - what is illegal offline, is likely to be illegal online. Cyberspace does not exist in a legal vacuum.

We have helped to build it. Now, we must do something to safeguard it.

Beyond 2015, our multi-stakeholder partnership must continue to recognize the right to free flow of information as well as, the right to be protected from abuse in cyberspace.

Beyond 2015, we should continue to empower populations in an inclusive manner, to grow economies, societies and ultimately, foster peace and greater understanding.

How we work together to achieve all this, will determine our collective Digital Future, beyond 2015.

My hope, is that when we reach WSIS+20, we will look back with pride at what we decided to do, at this, WSIS+10.

Thank you.

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