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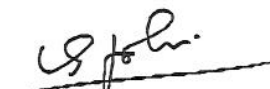
Dr. Hamadoun I. Toure
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ITU

Dear Sir,

This is in reference to your letter dated 27 February 2008 about the above mentioned subject. In this regard, I have attached here the duly filled questionnaire. I would like to express our sincere thanks in this matter.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,


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**COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON THE
RESOLUTION 141 (WG-STUDY)**
**Date: 27 February 2008
English only**
**OPEN CONSULTATIONS ON THE INCLUSION OF RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS IN
THE ACTIVITIES OF ITU RELATED TO WSIS**
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- a) **What are the spheres of competence that ITU Member States reserve for themselves with regard to WSIS stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) and the possible denunciation of their participation in ITU?**
- No reservation to WSIS stakeholders that are not members of the ITU.
- b) **Are the current definitions of Sector Members, Associates and experts contained in the ITU basic texts sufficient to include participation of all stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) in ITU WSIS-related activities?**
- Conducive environment needs to be created by respective member states of ITU to accommodate IT related Associations, Societies of national level.
- c) **What are possible amendments to the definitions of Sector Members, Associates and experts, in the ITU basic texts, which would enhance participation in ITU WSIS-related activities?**
- Associates definition could be broadened to include national level Associations, Societies, etc.
- d) **What might be the financial implications of the participation of all stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) in ITU-WSIS related activities?**
- Similar to others in the Group.
- e) **What are the other challenges to the Union and its members posed by the participation of all relevant stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) in the activities of the Union related to WSIS, and how can such challenges be met?**
- Participation of all relevant stakeholders could complement the efforts of ITU

- f) What "added value" might stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) bring to the work of ITU in its WSIS-related activities?
- They will supplement in building the IT Society in the country.
- g) What criteria could be suggested for defining which stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) might be "relevant" to participate in ITU activities related to WSIS, taking into account a) above?
- X
- h) What are the challenges (including financial) to stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) posed by their participation in the activities of the Union related to WSIS, and how can such challenges be met?
- Managing the required funding for participation in the ITU activities.
- i) How can existing mechanisms (e.g. partnerships, symposia, seminars, workshops, focus groups, policy forums, experts) for participation by stakeholders (that are not members of ITU) be used more effectively, and what other mechanisms could be suggested?
- Respective member states of ITU should encourage Participatory Approach from non-members of ITU in such programs.
- j) What specific efforts may be needed to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) from developing countries, and stakeholders in the development field?
- Financial support to the Experts of such groups of the developing countries.

