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| Summary  This contribution responds to the document from the secretariat entitled, “World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS Beyond 2025.” The CWG-WSIS/SDG did not come to consensus on the need for the secretariat to prepare this document for Council 2022. However, there was a clear request for additional information from the secretariat to inform Member State deliberations ahead of PP-22 concerning the WSIS+20 review process.  Action required  The Council is invited to **request** additional information from the ITU secretariat prior to considering a roadmap for WSIS+20 activities.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  Document [C22/59](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en) |

**Background**

During the January 2022 meeting of CWG-WSIS/SDG, some Member States requested the secretariat prepare a roadmap of WSIS+20 activities for adoption by Council. Several other Member States, including the United States, noted that adopting a roadmap at Council was premature since: (a) the WSIS+20 review is under the purview of UNGA, which will need to decide the modalities; (b) additional information is needed before agreeing to ITU’s role, including with respect to other UN activities related to digital cooperation, and (3) ultimately, ITU’s role in the WSIS+20 will require a decision by the PP.

Furthermore, the United States has some concerns and reservations about the proposed roadmap drafted by the secretariat. The roadmap, as drafted, potentially undermines the role of the UNGA in developing the WSIS+20 review process. It also prematurely focuses on WSIS after 2025 before ensuring that there is a comprehensive review of WSIS implementation to date.

The United States strongly supports efforts by the ITU to implement the WSIS outcomes, and we look forward to a comprehensive review of WSIS by the full UN system in 2025. In order for the PP to appropriately decide the ITU’s role in WSIS+20, Member States would greatly benefit from additional information from the secretariat.

**Proposal**

The United States proposes that Council requests the secretariat provide additional information to Member States prior to PP-22. The United States does not support adoption of the secretariat’s proposed Roadmap.

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