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| |  | | --- | | Summary  This document elaborates ITU Secretary-General’s roadmap on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 review process and its preparations. It also benefits from additional information collected, as requested by the ITU Council 2022.  Action required  The Plenipotentiary Conference is invited **to consider** this report and **take necessary action, as appropriate**.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  UNGA Resolutions [A/RES/76/189](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/76/189), [A/RES/75/202](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N20/379/41/PDF/N2037941.pdf?OpenElement), [A/RES/73/218](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/218), [A/71/212](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/212), [A/70/684](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/684), [A/70/299](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/299), [A/RES/70/125](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F70%2F125&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop), [A/RES/70/1](https://www.un.org/ga/search/viewm_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1); ECOSOC Resolutions [2021/28](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2021/28), [2020/212](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2020/12); PP Resolution [140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-140-E.pdf), Council Resolutions [R1332](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en), [R1395](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0121/en); [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum); [*WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes*](http://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf)*;* [*WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015*](http://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf)*;* [*Final WSIS Target Review*](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/publications/wsisreview2014/WSIS2014_review.pdf)*;* [*WSIS+10 Report: ITU’s Ten Year Contribution to the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up (2005-2014)*](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/WSIS+10Report.pdf)*;* [WTDC-17 Resolution 30 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-WTDC17-C-0115/en); [WTSA-16 Resolution 75 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016)](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.75-2016-PDF-E.pdf); [C21/28](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0028/en); [C22/59](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en); [C22/90](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0090/en); [*Reports of the 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th CWG WSIS&SDG meeting*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*s.* | | |

##### Introduction

The aim of this document is to contribute towards the discussions on the preliminary steps towards the WSIS+20 Review Process and ITUs role in the process, noting the leadership role of the ITU in WSIS since its inception. WSIS is a UN process that involves coordination and implementation with more than 30 UN Agencies, with a common desire and commitment to build inclusive and development-oriented Information and Knowledge Societies. It involves the engagement of all Stakeholders in implementing the WSIS Action Lines for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

##### Background

1. The UN General Assembly Resolution [UNGA Resolution A/RES/70/125](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F70%2F125&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop) request the General Assembly to hold a high-level meeting (HLM) on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025, involving the input and participation of all stakeholders, including in the preparatory process, to take stock of progress on the outcomes of the World Summit and identify both areas of continued focus and challenges. We recommend that the outcome of the high-level meeting be an input into the review process for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. The [CWG-WSIS&SDG](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0018/en) initiated discussions on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 Review process and its preparations. The Group noted the Report by the UNESCO’s Director-General on implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes and appreciated the resolution on the Organization’s consolidated road map towards the twenty-year review (WSIS+20) in 2025.
3. Document [C22/59](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en) was presented at the ITU Council 2022 by ITU General Secretariat, and a special session on WSIS+20 was held under the chairmanship of Mr Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia), Vice-Chairman of CWG-WSIS&SDG, to provide the Council with additional information on the process.

Broad support had been expressed for continuing to implement the WSIS outcomes and consolidate efforts to link WSIS implementation with work on achieving the SDGs. The Council noted Document 59 and requested the Secretary-General to present it to the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) twenty-fifth session and the WSIS Forum 2022 for their comments to provide additional information to the document and then forward it to PP-22.

The ITU General Secretariat submitted the SG’s Roadmap (document 59) and presented it to the CSTD. The document was appreciated, no comments were received.

The [WSIS Forum 2022](http://www.wsis.org/forum) provided several opportunities for discussions on the WSIS review process and the future of WSIS beyond 2025-WSIS+20. All discussions, including the Ministerial Round Table, United Nations Group on the Information Society meetings and the multistakeholder discussions on topic the highlighted the need to continue the process beyond 2025 highlighting the benefits of the process to stakeholders worldwide, particularly in developing countries. Find details on received input from WSIS Forum 2022 in **Annex.**

1. ITU took over the Chairmanship of UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) from UNESCO as the chair of UNGIS in June 2022, and in collaboration with UNGIS members will be responsible for further preparations towards the WSIS+20 HLM.
2. The WSIS Forum and the WSIS+10 multistakeholder preparatory process have shown a real example of efficient and successful preparation for overall review of WSIS Action Lines.

##### WSIS+20 Roadmap

The processes listed below provide a roadmap of activities and preliminary steps towards the WSIS+20 Review Process and ITUs role in the process, noting the leadership role of the ITU in WSIS since its inception:

* **WSIS Forum** (*Working together towards 2025: Turning targets into Action*): Following the WSIS principles of multistakeholderism and inclusiveness the WSIS Forum will **provide a platform for deliberations on the 20 years of the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines and WSIS beyond 2025** in various formats like high-level dialogues, knowledge cafes, ministerial round table, Action Line facilitation meetings, thematic workshops and interactive sessions. WSIS Forum will serve as a platform for collecting inputs towards the WSIS Review process and its preparations. WSIS Forum outcomes will be reported to CSTD sessions.
  1. **WSIS Forum 2022:** 
     1. preliminary indications providing a forward-looking scope for the WSIS beyond 2025
     2. templates for the reports of the lead facilitators on the WSIS Action Lines
     3. templates for the voluntary national reporting on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes
     4. templates for reports by civil society, academia, private sector, and technical community
  2. **WSIS Forum 2023:** Further discussions on the WSIS Action Lines capturing the emerging trends, opportunities and challenges
  3. **WSIS Forum 2024** rebranded as WSIS+20 celebrating the achievements of the WSIS Process and identifying the opportunities and challenges in implementing the WSIS Action Lines.
* **WTDC-21**: Taking into consideration that the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) was held in June 2022, the discussions at WTDC are closely interlinked to the WSIS Process and therefore WTDC provides a major opportunity to have preliminary discussions on WSIS+20 before PP-22. At the request of the ITU Member States, an information document to WTDC-21 was submitted on the outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2022, and ITU Secretary-General highlighted it at WTDC-21.
* **WSIS Stocktaking Reporting Process**: The Stocktaking Platform provides a repository of over 14000 projects and a very active membership database of over 500000. The Stocktaking platformwill be utilized to present the current situation and analysis on the implementation of WSIS Action Lines for 20 years and initiate the preparations of the **WSIS+20 Stocktaking Report**.
* **United Nations Agencies**: The WSIS Process is an example of effective interagency coordination with more than 30 UN agencies. In collaboration with the UNGIS Chair and Vice-Chairs, including all the UNGIS members (and other UN Agencies involved) and in close collaboration with UNCSTD it is aimed to continue consultations on 20 years of WSIS and beyond. ITU will be appointed as the Chair of the UNGIS (2022-2023).

At the occasion of the WSIS Forum 2022, UNGIS reiterated its commitment to the WSIS Process and Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes, and a need to strengthen the visibility of UNGIS at the political level in Geneva and New York. UNGIS members concluded with a decision to prepare an action plan for the implementation of the UNGIS activities at the technical and political level for 2022-2023 and a decision to prepare an activity report for submission to the HLCP and CEB. UNGIS member agencies will also inform of opportunities to raise the visibility of UNGIS in the context of high-level intergovernmental meetings and discussions, and other UN and global discussions on priorities on digital for development issues and where digitalization is crucial for addressing global challenges. ITU was appointed as the UNGIS chair for the year 2022-2023, with the Vice-Chairs: UNCTAD, UNDP, UNESCO, UN ECA.

* **Alignment of the WSIS Process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**: As per Resolution 1332 (MODIFIED 2019) ITU membership resolved to use the WSIS framework as the foundation through which the ITU helps the world in leveraging ICTs in achieving the 2030 Agenda, within the ITU’s mandate and within the allocated resources in the financial plan and biennial budget, noting the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by UN Agencies. Since 2015, ITU, in close collaboration with UN agencies, has been working towards strengthening the alignment between the WSIS Process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This close interlinkage between WSIS Action Lines and the Sustainable Development Goals and targets can contribute towards the work on relevant areas outlined in ongoing processes e.g., UN SGs Our Common Agenda and so on.
* **Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development:** The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development is an international, multi-stakeholder initiative that was launched in 2004 to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries. The initiative is a direct response to the request made by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) to produce official statistics to monitor the information society. The Partnership, in collaboration with other stakeholders, will further coordinate initiatives to improve the availability and quality of ICT statistics and explore new data sources for measuring the internationally agreed target for example WSIS, SDGs etc. ITU was appointed as the chair of the Steering committee of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development during the WSIS Forum 2022.
* **WSIS Regional Events and Reporting:** The WSIS Process at the Regional level is coordinated and effectively implemented by the UN Regional Commissions, ITU Regional Offices, Regional Technical Organizations in close collaboration with other UN Agencies. ITU will continue to provide a platform for discussions, in particular on WSIS+20 and the WSIS Process beyond 2025.
* **WSIS Prizes:** The WSIS Prizes contest was developed in response to requests from the WSIS stakeholders to create an effective mechanism to evaluate projects and activities that leverage the power of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to advance sustainable development. Since its inception, the contest of WSIS Prizes has attracted more than 300,000 stakeholders. Following the outcomes of the United Nations General Assembly Overall Review on WSIS (Res. A/70/125) that, the WSIS Prizes is the unique global platform to identify and showcase success stories in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs. Preparations towards WSIS +20 Stocktaking Success Stories report and other activities celebrating the WSIS Prize awardees will be planned as part of the annual WSIS Forum.
* **WSIS+20 Reporting:** In preparations towards the celebration of 20 years of WSIS and WSIS Beyond 2025, the evaluation and assessment Reports to be discussed and prepared (this list is not exhaustive):
* WSIS+20 Progress Report (Quantitative Focus) (Initial Coordination by Partnership on the Measuring ICT for Development during the WSIS Forum 2022)
* Review Reports by Action Line Facilitators (11 Action Lines)
* WSIS+20 Reports by Civil Society, Private Sector, Academia and Technical Community
* Self-evaluation National Review Reports
* WSIS+20 Stocktaking Report (International Telecommunication Union)
* WSIS+20 Stocktaking Success Stories (International Telecommunication Union)
* UNGIS Review Report
* Report on the Contributions to the 2030 Agenda

It is important to note that the WSIS Process in its functioning, coordination, and implementation of WSIS Action lines has been very quick to adapt and transition during COVID 2019 and in adapting to a possible post-COVID scenario providing stakeholders with opportunities to connect, partner, and share resulting in concrete action on the ground.

##### Timeline of relevant meetings and conferences:

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| **2022**   * WSIS Forum 2022: 15 March – 3 June * UNGIS High-Level and Working level Meeting (As part of WSIS Forum) - *ITU will be the Chair of UNGIS in 2022* * Session of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) (March) - *ITU will be the chair of the Steering committee of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development in 2022.* * Inter Sessional and Annual Meetings of CSTD * WTDC * Regional Consultations – ITU Regional Offices and UN Regional Commissions (WSIS Regional Reviews) * PP-22 * Submissions to the High-Level Political Forum 2022 and strengthening the linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and the SDGs |
| **2023**   * WSIS Forum 2023 * UNGIS High Level and Working level Meeting (As part of WSIS Forum) * Inter Sessional and Annual Meetings of CSTD * Common Agenda (Summit of the Future) – ­Aligning the WSIS Action Lines and activities with the main principles * Regional Consultations – ITU Regional Offices and UN Regional Commissions (WSIS Regional Reviews) * Radio Assembly 2023 * Submissions to the High-Level Political Forum 2023 and strengthening the linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and the SDGs |
| **2024**   * WSIS+20 High-level Event (WSIS Forum 2024) * Session of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) (March) * UNGIS High-Level and Working level Meeting (As part of WSIS Forum) * Regional Consultations – ITU Regional Offices and UN Regional Commissions (WSIS Regional Reviews) * WTDC-24 * Submissions to the High-Level Political Forum 2024 and strengthening the linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and the SDGs (Participate in the review of the SDGs and strengthen the linkages with the WSIS Action Lines) |
| **2025**   * WSIS Forum 2025: 10-year report on WSIS Action Lines’ input to achieving of SDGs. * 2025: Contribute to and Participate in the UNGA High-Level Meeting on the WSIS Process * Submit the outcomes of the WSIS Review   Submissions to the High-Level Political Forum 2025 and strengthening the linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and the SDGs (Participate in the review of the SDGs and strengthen the linkages with the WSIS Action Lines) |

ANNEX 1: WSIS Forum 2022 Input to the WSIS+20 Roadmap

The WSIS Forum has proven to be an efficient medium for coordination of multistakeholder implementation activities, information exchange, creation of knowledge, sharing of best practices and continues to foster partnerships to advance development goals. Following the instructions by the ITU Council 2022 to further collect input on the ITU Secretary-General’s WSIS+20 Roadmap: World Summit On The Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS Beyond 2025, throughout the final week of the WSIS Forum 2022 (30 May – 3 June), the WSIS+20 and WSIS Beyond 2025 have been a cross-cutting theme (for additional information, explore recording of sessions at [Agenda Page](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/FinalWeek)).

WSIS Forum, as the WSIS Process annual event and major gathering of ICT for development multistakeholder community, has seen as exceptional platform for all ICT entities, ICT practitioners, and those interested in developing information and knowledge societies for exchanging good ideas on how the benefits of the technology can be brought to people everywhere. Stakeholders from all sectors have been participating with increasing need to contribute and even more growing anticipation for the outcomes of this annual Forum since it was established in 2009, with more than 1,000 physical participants joining the event in 2022 and more than 30,000 cumulative remote participation since 15 March during the virtual sessions.

WSIS Forum 2022 was chaired by H.E. Professor Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami), Minister, Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, Nigeria. The Chairman proposed and agreed to continue his Chairmanship until next Forum and highlighted that he firmly believes that the 2025 WSIS Review process will be a critical global milestone and that we need to focus our attention to designing a review process that is thorough, inclusive, and effective.

The WSIS Forum 2022 Ministerial Round Table participants emphasized that the WSIS Action Lines are crucial for advancing the achievement of SDGs, hence, it is important to continue the alignment of the WSIS Process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Forty Ministers and Deputies highlighted the importance to integrate them in the agenda of the annual WSIS Forum, ensuring that the developing countries, including LDCs are not left behind in the fast-paced global landscape in ICTs. WSIS Forum is a good platform to provide recommendations on ICTs for Sustainable Development Issues and concluded that the Ministerial Round Table is a key component of the Forum and should be strengthened by cross-sectoral dialogues next year.

As proposed by the stakeholders through the Open Consultation Process, various sessions in different formats have been organized to discuss the importance of the WSIS process and highlight the achievements, challenges, and emerging trends of WSIS Action Lines for achieving the SDGs. Find below the multistakeholder sessions discussing the WSIS+20 and Beyond 2025 (session descriptions and recordings are included):

* [Knowledge Café: WSIS+20](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/474) (30 May 2022)
* [High-Level Strategic Dialogue: WSIS+20: Multistakeholder Digital Cooperation for Global Development (WSIS Action Lines to achieve the SDGs)](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/444) (as part of the WSIS Forum 2022 Opening Segment, 31 May 2022)
* [High-Level Dialogue: WSIS+20 – WSIS Beyond 2025](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/476) (2 June 2022)

Significant progress has been made since 2003 since the first summit. The multistakeholder nature of the WSIS process is critical in achieving universal connectivity. Greater efforts are required to connect the remaining 3 billion that are still not connected, and the WSIS process can help promote the ways to achieve it. There is widespread concern that many of the SDG goals and targets will be missed unless a major course correction is made. The role of ICTs in this renewed effort will be crucial. Here is where the WSIS Process will serve as a guiding light.

Looking ahead, the WSIS Action Lines need to be updated to consider new and emerging technologies and trends. One of the main lessons learned is that given the breadth and scope of the WSIS Action Lines, governments may benefit from some further assistance and support in terms of prioritization and implementation based on local contexts. To facilitate input by stakeholders, templates for reporting are considered valuable to the lead facilitators on the WSIS Action Lines, voluntary national reporting on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and reporting by civil society, academia, private sector, and technical community.

The WSIS Process has emphasized the importance of sharing, monitoring, and implementing best practices to the goal of achieving a common vision, desire, and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive, and development-oriented Information Society. The WSIS Prizes have helped to spotlight best practices and attract resources, as well as to create awareness which has led to development of policies and attracted investments within the framework of the SDGs.

Looking forward, the WSIS process should continue to enhance its collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including international organizations and platforms such as the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) while ensuring there is no mandate overlap.

The WSIS Forum 2022 participants have agreed that WSIS+20 will provide opportunity to reflect and discuss on the evolution of the WSIS implementation process, and that the WSIS Process should continue beyond 2025.

The vision for the WSIS Process beyond 2025 should capture all progress made so far, but also the gaps and emerging trends that can be identified in the information and knowledge societies that are still to be built. ITU, in close coordination with UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP and CSTD, will continue to work together to developing a progressive roadmap for the WSIS Process beyond 2025.

Annex 2: Extract of the Summary Records of the fifth plenary meeting of the Council 2022

**2 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 – WSIS+20 roadmap (Documents C22/59, C22/74 and C22/76)**

2.1 The representative of the General Secretariat introduced Document [C22/59](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en), which set out the Secretary-General’s roadmap on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 review process and its preparation, including a timeline of relevant ITU and other meetings and conferences. A special session on WSIS+20 had been held on 24 March 2022, under the chairmanship of Mr Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia), Vice-Chairman of CWG-WSIS&SDG, to provide the Council with additional information on the process.

2.2 The councillor from the Russian Federation introduced Document [C22/74](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0074/en), which contained a contribution from her administration proposing future work for the implementation of WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs; preparations for PP-22, which would be the only plenipotentiary conference before the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes, to be held in 2025; and preparations for the high-level meeting itself. It had been proposed to support the draft ITU WSIS+20 roadmap overall and to consider drawing on the successes of the WSIS+10 multistakeholder preparatory platform in the preparations for WSIS+20 in 2025. CWG-WSIS&SDG played an important role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and the proposal had been made to continue its work. It had been suggested to revise Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes, in order to include paragraphs common to all Sectors, which could help to shorten the relevant resolutions of the Sectors significantly. It had also been suggested to consider the issues raised at PP-22.”

2.3 The councillor from the United States introduced Document [C22/76](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0076/en), containing a contribution from his administration, which considered it premature for the Council to agree to ITU’s role in the WSIS+20 process and adopt the roadmap set out in Document C22/59. There had been insufficient time for discussion of the roadmap since its preparation had been requested by CWG-WSIS&SDG in January 2022; moreover, ITU’s role in the WSIS+20 process would require a decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference in consideration of its Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018). The special session held on 24 March had allowed for useful discussion; in that regard, it would be helpful for the General Secretariat to update Document C22/59 based on the questions raised and information requested there. For the moment, the Council should note, rather than approve, the roadmap and request more information ahead of PP-22.

2.4 The councillor from Saudi Arabia, who had chaired the special session held on 24 March, reported on the outcome thereof. Some 25 councillors had attended in person, with others participating virtually. Broad support had been expressed for continuing to implement the WSIS outcomes and consolidate efforts to link WSIS implementation with work on achieving the SDGs. The General Secretariat had been provided with various comments from Council Member States. It had been proposed that the Council should note Document C22/59 and request the General Secretariat to refer it to PP, with the necessary updates.

2.5 Councillors expressed strong support for the continued implementation of WSIS outcomes and the overall review process and welcomed ITU’s contribution to date, highlighting the importance of harnessing ICTs to establish inclusive information and knowledge societies. The Union’s chairmanship of the United Nations Group on the Information Society would provide further opportunities in that regard. Some councillors emphasized the importance of a multistakeholder approach to the review process that avoided top-down decisions. Several highlighted the importance of implementation efforts at regional level and the opportunities for linkages with work on the SDGs and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society. One called for greater cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development of the Organization of American States.

2.6 Some councillors expressed support for the roadmap as set out in Document C22/59, though one noted that the document was silent on CWG-WSIS&SDG’s recommendation regarding ITU’s role in WSIS implementation and requested that it at least be mentioned. Others echoed the views and concerns expressed by the councillor from the United States. Several expressed support for the proposal that had emerged from the special session held on 24 March, as outlined by the councillor from Saudi Arabia. One drew attention to the fact that the WSIS Forum had been recommended as an efficient and effective multi-stakeholder platform for consideration of the action lines and the view that the roadmap should be viewed as a living document and approved on that basis, especially given the time constraints involved, so that it could be forwarded to the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) and the WSIS Forum for their comments. Strong and unanimous support was expressed for the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG continuing for a further term. Councillors acknowledged the contribution of Prof Minkin as the Chairman of CWG-WSIS&SDG and its Vice Chairs considering its importance and their contribution for the work of the CWG.

2.7 The Chairman took it that the Council agreed to note the roadmap developed by the Secretary-General; to request the secretariat to update Document C22/59 to take account of comments made and forward it to the Plenipotentiary Conference with the summary record of the meeting; and to invite the secretariat to share the document with CSTD and the WSIS Forum so as to include multistakeholder comments.

2.8 It was so **agreed**.

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