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| DRAFT NEW COUNCIL RESOLUTION “THE ROLE OF ITU IN THE OVERALL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY IN 2025” | |
| **Purpose**  The Administration of the Russian Federation proposes a draft new Council resolution, “The role of ITU in the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025”, the adoption of which will make it possible to conduct the analysis and identify the tasks and actions required of ITU in preparation for the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025, the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit and the Summit of the Future in 2024. Implementation of the roadmap for WSIS+20 and WSIS beyond 2025.  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited to **examine the proposed draft new Council resolution**, “the role of ITU in the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025”, and **take the appropriate decisions**.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 70/1, 70/125 and 76/307 ECOSOC Resolution 2022/15  Resolution [140](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf) (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 172 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution [200](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-200-E.pdf) (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference Council Resolutions [1332](http://web.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/opb/conf/S-CONF-CL-2022-PDF-E.pdf) (С11, last amended С19) and [1334](http://web.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/opb/conf/S-CONF-CL-2022-PDF-E.pdf) (С11, last amended С15) Report of the ITU Secretary-General to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference on WSIS+20: WSIS beyond 2025, WSIS+20 roadmap (Document 47) | |

draft new resolution [...]

The role of ITU in the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025

The Council,

recalling

*a)* Resolution 73 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which achieved its aims in regard to the holding of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);

*b)* the Geneva Declaration of Principles and the Geneva Plan of Action, adopted in 2003, and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted in 2005, all of which were endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA);

*c)* UNGA Resolution 70/125, on the outcome document of the UNGA high-level meeting on an overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*d)* UNGA Resolution 70/1, on transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*e)* UNGA Resolution 76/307, on the modalities for the Summit of the Future;

*f)* the WSIS+10 statement on the implementation of WSIS outcomes and vision for WSIS beyond 2015, which were adopted at the ITU‑coordinated WSIS+10 high-level event (Geneva, 2014) and endorsed by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Busan, 2014);

*g)* Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes;

*h)* Resolution 172 (Guadalajara, 2010) on the overall review of implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*i)* Council Resolution 1332 (C11, last amended C19), on the ITU role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*j)* Council Resolution 1334 (C11, last amended C15), on the ITU role in the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes,

recalling further

*а)* that the United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution 70/125, decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2025 on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*b)* that since 2015 the WSIS Forum, initiated by ITU in 2009, builds upon the WSIS-SDG Matrix, linking its agenda and outcomes to the SDGs;

*с)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference in its Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) resolved that ITU should continue to coordinate with the relevant United Nations organizations, where appropriate, to support the UNGA overall review of the WSIS outcomes in 2025 and to play an active role in the process according to ITU's WSIS+20 roadmap and the review process established by UNGA;

*d)* that Resolution 200 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference endorsed the high-level strategic goals and targets set out in the strategic plan for the Union and global broadband targets to implement the Connect 2030 Agenda,

considering

*a)* the provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention concerning the role of the Union with regard to policies and strategies;

*b)* the resolutions adopted by Plenipotentiary Conference and the Council concerning WSIS and the SDGs;

*c)* the role that ITU played in initiating the WSIS process and that it continues to play as the moderator/facilitator organization for the implementation of WSIS Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure), C4 (Capacity building), C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs) and C6 (Enabling environment), and a facilitator for Action Lines С1, C3, C7, C8, C9 and C11;

*d)* that ITU, co-chairing the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during the period 2023-2024, led the Group in 2022-2023, and, as a member of the Steering Committee of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, chaired it as well, in the first half of 2023;

*e)* that the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, created at the invitation of ITU and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), made public a new structure of targets for 2025 to support the initiative to "connect the other half" of the world's population;

*f)* the outputs of the 2016-2023 WSIS Forums coordinated by ITU;

*g)* that the 2023 WSIS Forum provided a platform for multistakeholder consultation on the WSIS+20 review and proposed to all stakeholders that they should contribute to the high-level WSIS+20 event taking place 27-31 May 2024 in Geneva and to the forthcoming open consultation process intended to ensure broad participation in and further improvements to the Forum,

taking into account

*a)* the Secretary-General's report to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference on the WSIS+20 roadmap on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 review process and its preparations;

*b)* that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), in its resolution assessing the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes, welcomed the two roadmaps developed by ITU and UNESCO in preparation for WSIS+20;

*c)* that the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) held under the auspices of ECOSOC in July 2022 proposed holding a Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDG Summit) in 2023 to "mark the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals",

resolves

1 to provide support to the WSIS Forum 2024, rebranded as the WSIS+20 high-level event in Geneva, which will serve as a platform for the WSIS+20 review, to provide multistakeholder discussions and to take stock of the achievements and key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action, and the forthcoming open consultation process;

2 that ITU should continue to coordinate with the relevant United Nations organizations, where appropriate, to support the UNGA overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025 and to play an active role in the process according to ITU's WSIS+20 roadmap and the review process established by UNGA;

3 that ITU must actively prepare for and participate in the 2023 SDG Summit and the 2024 Summit of the Future as the United Nations lead in the domain of telecommunications/ICT, in accordance with its mandate and the role set out in the WSIS output documents and subsequent decisions,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to pursue efficient and effective collaboration and coordination with all stakeholders in the preparatory process for WSIS+20, following the WSIS principles of multistakeholderism and inclusiveness;

2 to coordinate action with UNESCO, UNDP, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (DESA) and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) through UNGIS to develop a unified process for preparations for the high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly in 2025 on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in accordance with the principles of the WSIS multistakeholder approach and inclusiveness to obtain a unified result with the participation of multiple stakeholders;

3 in collaboration and coordination with other UN agencies, to support the UNGA overall review process, making the best possible use of experiences gathered by the Union during the organization of two phases of WSIS (2003-2005) and the WSIS+10 high-level event, including the WSIS+10 Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform;

4 to coordinate with relevant United Nations organizations, where appropriate, to implement ITU's WSIS+20 roadmap for the preparations for and conducting of the WSIS+20 review process and the WSIS process beyond 2025, consistent with UNGA's WSIS+20 preparatory process;

5 regularly to inform the Council Working Group on WSIS and SDGs (CWG-WSIS&SDG) on the implementation of ITU’s WSIS+20 roadmap;

6 to examine the interconnection between the WSIS process, in particular WSIS+20 (WSIS beyond 2025) for meeting the SDGS and the outcomes of the Summit of the Future;

7 to report to the 2023 SDG Summit and the 2024 Summit of the Future on the role of ITU in accomplishing the WSIS outputs and follow-up (2005-2024) and meeting the SDGs;

8 to submit to ECOSOC at its 2025 session, via CTSD and UNGA, a WSIS+20 report on ITU's twenty-year contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes, discussing the progress made by ITU in implementing the WSIS outcomes and its role in meeting the SDGs;

9 to continue enhancing close cooperation and coordination with CSTD in regard to the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

10 to report annually to the Council on progress on this resolution through CWG-WSIS&SDG,

instructs the Council Working Group on WSIS and SDGs

1 to consider the activities of ITU in the context of preparations for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

2 to monitor and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to the implementation of this resolution;

3 to consider the ITU contributions to various options for themes relevant to the substance of WSIS+20 and beyond with the assistance of the WSIS/SDG Task Force;

4 based on the input of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux and also proposals from Member States and Sector Members:

i) to consider the outcome of the studies under *instructs the Secretary-General* 6 and prepare any comments and proposals for the 2024 session of the Council;

ii) to consider the ITU WSIS+20 report on implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the WSIS contribution to meeting the SDGs and prepare any comments and proposals for the Council;

iii) to examine the possibility of continuing the WSIS process after 2025 to support meeting the SDGs by 2030, considering the close linkages between WSIS and the SDGs, reflected in the WSIS-SDG Matrix;

iv) to examine the final outcome document of the UNGA high-level meeting in December 2025 at the 2026 winter session of CWG-WSIS&SDG and discuss if amendments to the existing Council resolutions on WSIS are required;

5 to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 2026 Session of the Council,

encourages Member States

1 to contribute to the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG with examples of best practices in the implementation of WSIS outcomes and the use of telecommunication/ICT for sustainable development;

2 to participate actively in the preparatory process for the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes by UNGA in 2025, the 2023 SDG Summit and the 2024 Summit of the Future;

3 to participate in the 2023 SDG Summit, the 2024 Summit of the Future and the UNGA high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes in 2025 at the highest possible level, to promote ITU's activities in this regard and the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS+20 high-level event;

4 to consult with and consider the views of non-governmental stakeholders,

encourages the ITU membership

1 to actively participate in the preparation process for the 2023 SDG Summit, the 2024 Summit of the Future and the UNGA high-level meeting in 2025, including with all relevant stakeholders involved in the WSIS process;

2 to consider the need to continue the WSIS Process after 2025 for the further development of the Information Society on the way to knowledge societies with a view to taking full advantage of ICT to accomplish the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

3 to provide financial means for facilitating the participation of all relevant WSIS stakeholders from the developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1 in the UNGA preparatory process, including informal interactive consultations;

4 to participate actively in CWG-WSIS&SDG;

5 to contribute to the WSIS trust fund set up by ITU to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the WSIS+20 process.

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1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing States, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)