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| PROPOSALS FOR THE OVERALL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WSIS OUTCOMES AND FOLLOW-UP | |
| **Purpose**  This document proposes additions to the Secretary-General's report "Update of the Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes: WSIS+20 Review– WSIS Beyond 2025", taking into account the outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2025.  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs is invited to **consider** this document and **make a decision** on the proposals presented.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*CWG-WSIS&SDG website*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*;* [*WSIS Forum website*](http://www.wsis.org/forum)*;* [*WSIS review*](http://www.wsis.org/review)*;* [*WSIS+20 review*](https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/wsis20)*; UNGA Resolutions* [*A/RES/70/125*](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/70/125)*,* [*A/RES/70/1*](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/70/1)*,* [*A/RES/77/150*](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/77/150)*; UN ECOSOC Resolution* [*E/RES/2024/13*](https://docs.un.org/en/E/RES/2024/13) *and Report* [*E/2025/31–E/CN.16/2025/4*](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ecn162025d4_en.pdf)*; PP Resolutions* [*172 (Guadalajara, 2010)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf) *and* [*140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf)*; Council Resolutions* [*1332 (Modified 2024)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en) *and* [*1334 (Modified 2023)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en)*;* [*ITU Secretary-General’s roadmap: World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 – WSIS+20 Roadmap*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en)*; documents* [*CWG-WSIS&SDG-43/14*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS43-C-0014/en) *and*[*C25/80*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-C-0080/en) | |

**I Introduction**

The WSIS Forum 2025 demonstrated the key role of ICTs in contemporary sustainable development and the unanimous commitment to continue the WSIS process. The President of the Forum, in his conclusions on the WSIS Forum, emphasized that the WSIS architecture, based on the Geneva Plan of Action and the Tunis Agenda, has provided guidance for national and international efforts to enhance connectivity, empower users and bridge the digital divide. The WSIS process is critical to implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda and achieving the GDC objectives. The Forum expressed concern that many countries, particularly developing countries, are being left behind in the latest technological developments. In this context, the WSIS architecture can play a central role in democratizing the development of new technologies by supporting capacity building, governance dialogue and standardization across all areas. Particular attention for the period after 2025 was paid to the role of youth as generators of new ideas, the main driving force for the further implementation of WSIS objectives, including for promoting the achievement of the SDGs, as well as highlighting the problems that the younger generation may face when introducing new technologies, primarily artificial intelligence. The protection of children and youth is of the highest priority, and ITU should pay close attention to this issue in the coming period.

The key here is to prevent youth from becoming only consumers of the digital revolution, shifting the solution to AI, which is fraught with both personal and social catastrophe. An example is the real helplessness during a power outage.

We believe it is important to reflect this problem when presenting ITU's opinion as part of the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes at the UNGA. We welcome the update on the Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes: WSIS+20 Review – WSIS Beyond 2025, presented by the Secretary-General, taking into account the outcomes of the WSIS Forum, and thank the secretariat for taking into account the comments and proposals submitted by Russia at the 2025 Council.

**II Proposals**

2.1 Support the actions of the ITU secretariat to reflect and promote the Union’s leadership role in the WSIS process as part of the UNGA Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes.

2.2 Extend the WSIS process until 2035, including the annual holding of the WSIS Forum and the IGF, reaffirming its commitment to the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the Geneva Plan of Action and the key action areas defined therein, the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.

2.3 Emphasize the importance and necessity of uniting the efforts of all stakeholders to accelerate a significant bridge in the digital divide in order to facilitate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.

2.4 Pay special attention to the involvement of youth in the activities of the ITU, including through regional organizations, trusting youth to participate in decision-making.

2.5 Consider the advisability and possibility of creating a dedicated subgroup within the CWG WSIS&SDG on youth for the purpose of intergenerational cooperation, encouraging joint development of digital policies between youth and older generations.

2.6 Expand the activities of the CWG COP not only to children, but also to youth, including in the scope of activities the development of the immunity to digital infantilism and the habit of shifting the solution of all life issues, including survival issues, to AI, without prior independent analysis and critical approach.

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