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### COMPILATION OF COMMENTS ON CHAPTER TWO OF THE OPERATIONAL PART (FINANCIAL MECHANISMS). PART 2 (PARA 27)

Note: New text in **bold**. Deleted text in ~~strike through~~. [*Comments in italics.*]

Existing text	Sources of Proposed text	Proposed Text
<p>27. We welcome/support the creation of the Digital Solidarity Fund, as an innovative financial mechanism of a voluntary nature with the objective of transforming the digital divide into digital opportunities for the developing world by focusing mainly on specific and urgent needs at the local level and seeking new sources of “solidarity” finance. The DSF will complement existing mechanisms for funding the Information Society, which should continue to be fully utilized to fund the growth of new ICT infrastructure and services.</p>	Senegal (on behalf of African Group), Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia	<p><del>27. We welcome/support</del> <b>We welcome and support</b> the creation of the Digital Solidarity Fund, ....</p>
	Holy See	<p>27. ... transforming the digital divide into digital opportunities for the developing world, <b>and minorities</b>, by focusing mainly on ....</p>
	CCBI	<p><del>27. We welcome/support</del> <b>We acknowledge</b> the creation of the <b>Voluntary</b> Digital Solidarity Fund, as an innovative financial mechanism <del>of a voluntary nature</del> with the objective of ....</p>
	Civil Society	<p><b>New 27A. The Digital Solidarity Fund should be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>governed and operated on a multi-stakeholder basis;</b></li> <li>• <b>located in Africa;</b></li> <li>• <b>focus its objectives and the scope of initiatives that is supports;</b></li> <li>• <b>adopt the principles of free and open source software, open standards and open access.</b></li> </ul>

	Senegal (On behalf of African Group), Ghana, Mali, Cuba, Nigeria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia	<b>New 27B. We recommend to all stakeholders (governments, private sector, civil society and local authorities) to support the Digital Solidarity fund.</b>
	Columbia	<i>[Seeks more detail on the functioning of the Fund.]</i>
	USA, EU (Lux)	<i>[Reserves the right to comment on the text during the second reading]</i>

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