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Draft WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

B. Overview of the implementation of Action Lines

Considerable progress has been made since the two phases of WSIS towards building the people-centered, inclusive, development-oriented Information Society called for in the WSIS Declaration of Principles. ICTs, including broadband and Internet services, have proved to be critical tools for social improvements, economic growth and the promotion of sustainable development, as well as the exercise of human rights. Nevertheless, the benefits of the information technology revolution can be considered still unevenly distributed between developed and developing countries and also within societies. We are fully committed to transforming this digital divide into a digital opportunity for all, while taking into account the ethical dimensions of the Information Society.

The most important achievement of the current implementation process of the WSIS is the growing interest of different actors and institutions, in the national, regional and international levels, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information Society and increasing awareness of the challenges that this process entails, including the future development of a true Knowledge Society.

1) We note that the WSIS Action Lines have helped in building a common understanding for constituting sound frameworks for realizing a truly global interconnected and inclusive Information Society.

2) We recognize that this implementation framework based approach on the WSIS Action Lines has helped to draw attention to the crucial role that ICTs can play in realizing development goals, notably reducing poverty and promoting literacy.

3) We commend the WSIS Process for reinforcing the principle of multi-stakeholderism which has strengthened the engagement of all stakeholders in joint efforts to accomplish some of the objectives reflected in the Geneva Plan of Action.

4) We recognize that the WSIS Action Lines have helped raise international awareness about the challenges many communities face in realizing the benefits of the inclusive Information Society.

4bis) We note with satisfaction that the WSIS outcomes have led to the development of regional and national strategies and plans for the development of inclusive Information and Knowledge Society (ies).

5) We acknowledge the significant efforts made towards the realization of a global ICT based economy [(refers to an economy that is based on digital technologies)], in particular through contribution of all stakeholders and adoption of appropriate national ICT policies.

6) We note with satisfaction that there is greater awareness of the importance of promoting digital inclusion for youth, women, the vulnerable and marginalized, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities, including age related disabilities, while promoting the wealth of the world’s languages.

6b) We highly appreciate the WSIS Forum, regularly arranged by ITU jointly with UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, attracting all stakeholders as the site for open exchange of opinions on the issues of development of information society, implementation of Action Lines and presentation of best practices. We acknowledge the significant contribution of all UN Agencies in charge of facilitating Action Lines actively contributing to WSIS implementation including ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, ITC, UPU, WHO, ILO, UNEP, WMO, FAO, UNWOMEN and the UN Regional Commissions.

6c) We particularly emphasize the importance of the work carried out by the “Partnership on Measuring ICT for development” on the development of the framework for a set of core ICT indicators, as well as, acknowledge the ICT Development Index (IDI).

We further recognize that:

7) Many countries have made considerable progress in implementing the Action lines in the form of tangible policies, projects and services in different sectors of society, while taking into consideration the WSIS outcomes within national ICT policies.

8) WSIS Action Lines have contributed to a deepened understanding and significance of ICT for development among policy and decision makers. A great number of developing countries now feature ICTs as key enablers of their national visions and plans for sustainable development. A new-generation of ICT policies and regulations were adopted in many countries designed to advance the deployment of broadband, encourage innovation and enable digital inclusion of all.

9) The emergence of new infrastructure, technologies and services, including social networks and cloud computing, in the last few years has increased the means to communicate and to access and distribute information and knowledge.

10) There has been increasing awareness by policymakers of the importance of public access to ICTs and tools to combat the digital divide, and reiterate the value of libraries in this regard.

13) There has been an increased level of mobile penetration and rise of broadband penetration, with increased geographical coverage and reach, enabling greater access to the benefits of the information society.

11) There has been significant awareness of the need for greater collaboration and trust among all stakeholders to address different aspects of enhancing confidence and security in the use of ICTs.

12) There is increased awareness of the need to strengthen the respect for freedom of expression and the right to privacy and to protect personal data.

13) ICT infrastructure development has been boosted by several enablers such as new technologies including mobile, innovative policies including Universal Service Funds, planning and background data, and international standards.

14) In the area of E-science the WSIS process has contributed to supporting research on emerging trends in e-Science which has provided a better understanding of emerging trends, its impact and future direction.

20) There is a growing awareness of the importance of cultural diversity in all spheres of life, including for the Information Society.

20.1) A holistic and integrated approach to sustainable development is required, taking into account the important contribution of cultural diversity to environmental protection and social and economic development.

21) There is an increasingly shared understanding that ethical principles for inclusive Information Society derive from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the ICCPR and that the same rights that people have offline must also apply online and comprise the right to freedom of expression, universal access to information, particularly that which is in the public domain, the right to education, the right to privacy and the right to participate in cultural life.

22) Improved access to ICT in education over the past 10 years enhanced individual development and active citizenship as well as supported the development of a skilled workforce for a global economy, thereby providing new opportunities for social mobility.

23) There is greater recognition that digital inclusion goes beyond questions of network deployment and affordability. This includes ensuring that ICTs are available, accessible and affordable for everyone, including the youth, women, indigenous people and persons with disabilities

25) There has been greater global awareness on the need to ensure that women take up ICT careers and actively participate in ICT related policy making.

26) The promotion of ethical codes, regulations, including self-regulation, where applicable, and/or law regarding ICT professionals has been recognized as fundamental.

27) Improved and innovative financial mechanisms as well as adequate and sustainable investments remain a priority in order to continue to meet the challenges of ICT for development

28) We recognize with appreciation all of the efforts exerted to increase affordable access in the developing countries and in particular LDCs.

29) There is greater recognition of the role of ICT in enabling the growing population of aged citizens to continue their lives in an independent and autonomous living conditions.

30) The opportunities offered by ICTs may present new accessibility barriers. Affordable solutions exist but are language dependent, sharing this knowledge and observing accessibility will ensure an inclusive Information Society for all.