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Draft WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

* **Japan, Government:** Regarding this file, we would like to support the result of the first reading. For this reason we suggest to delete Cuba’s comments. And we would like to suggest few more comments below.
* **Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society** have considerably

regrouped and summarized paras 7 to 30 ([WSIS+10/3/76](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase3/rc/1/WSIS.10-3-76.doc))

* **Uruguay, Government:** Many of the points are repeated in both B and C section, from different sides of the coin: "we acknowledge efforts in X" (overview), "advances are needed in X" (challenges). Our proposal is to merge these two sections in a "State of situation and challenges", with no more that 20- 25 points. [WSIS+10/3/75)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase3/rc/1/WSIS.10-3-75.doc)
* **USA, Government**: United States proposes that an additional chapter, B.1 in the attachment be included in the “WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes” to itemize progress made on an Action Line basis. [**WSIS+10/3/74**](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase3/rc/1/WSIS.10-3-74.docx)
* **ISOC, Civil Society**: we notice a heavy duplication between the Preamble (A) and the Priority Areas (B) of the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015. We would encourage the Chair and Secretariat to consider keeping and merging the substance into one single document, possibly the Priority Areas (B). The Preamble should be very short and high-level. [**WSIS+10/3/97)**](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase3/rc/1/WSIS.10-3-97.doc)

B. Overview of the implementation of Action Lines

VC EGY: **The commitment and adoption of the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action of 2003 and the Tunis Agenda and Commitment of 2005 led to significant progress but also raised challenges. The most important achievement of the current WSIS implementation process is the rising interest of all stakeholders, at the national, regional and international levels, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information and knowledge Societies, and raising awareness of the challenges that this process entails. This section highlights the progress achieved towards the WSIS implementation:**

The most important achievement of the current implementation process of the WSIS is the interest of so many actors, institutions, national, regional and international, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information Society and making all stakeholders aware of the challenges that this process entails, including the future development of a true Knowledge Society.

* **Czech Republic, Government:** The most important achievement of the current implementation process of the WSIS is the interest of so many actors, institutions, national, regional and international, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information Society and making all stakeholders aware of the challenges that this process entails, including the future development of a true Knowledge Society.
* **Japan, Government**: The most important achievement of the current implementation process of the WSIS is the interest of so many actors, institutions, national, regional and international organizations, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information Society and making all stakeholders aware of the challenges that this process entails, including the future development of a true Knowledge Society.
* **Brazil, Government:** 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.
* **Uruguay, Government**: The most important achievement of the current implementation process of the WSIS is the interest of different actors and institutions at national, regional and international level, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information Society and making all stakeholders aware of the challenges that this process entails.

Despite this situation, the commitments and actions adopted on the Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action of 2003 and the Agenda and Tunis Commitment of 2005 remain fully in force and continue to be an essential guide for all. There are several aspects in which progress has been made and others that present significant challenges to the future, among which are the following:

**CUBA:**

The most important achievement of the current implementation process of the WSIS is the interest of ~~so many~~ some actors, institutions, national, regional and international, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information and Knowledge Society (ies) and making all stakeholders aware of the challenges that this process entails.

 In the other hand, some ~~Enormous~~ progress has been made since the ~~two~~ Summit~~s~~

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**ISOC, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Sweden, Government:** Deleted

**Canada, Government**: Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted**VC EGY: We note that the WSIS Action Lines have helped in building a common understanding of the desirability to realize a truly global interconnected and inclusive Information Society. And that the implementation of those Action Lines has helped in drawing the attention to the crucial role the ICTs can play in reducing poverty and promoting literacy. *( Merged point 1 with point 2 and suggest deletion of point 2)***

1. We note that the WSIS Action Lines have helped in building a common understanding of the desirability and [**constituting a sound ]framework** for realizing the goal of globally interconnected inclusive Information Society.
* **ISOC, Civil Society**: We note that the WSIS Action Lines have helped in building a common understanding of the desirability and [**constituting a global and multistakeholder dialogue** for realizing the goal of globally interconnected inclusive Information Society.
* **Brazil, Government**: 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.
* **UK, Government:** We note that the WSIS Action Lines have helped in building a common understanding of the desirability and **framework** for realizing the goal of globally interconnected inclusive Information Society.
1. 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.**
* **Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: 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**.

**CUBA, Government:**

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.**

**Comments for the Cuba, Government Para:**

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Canada, Government**: Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

( VC EGY: Suggest deletion since it was well mentioned in the Preamble).

1. We commend the WSIS Process for reinforcing the strategic role of **multi-stakeholderism which has led to** strengthened **engagement of all stakeholders** to work together in order to accomplish some of the objectives reflected in the Geneva Plan of Action.
* **Brazil Government**: 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.
* **Sweden, Government**: We commend the WSIS Process for reinforcing the strategic role of **multi-stakeholderism which has led to** strengthened **engagement of all stakeholders** to work together in order to accomplish some of the objectives reflected in the Geneva Plan of Action.

VC EGY: Suggest deletion. It was previously tackled in this section.

1. We recognize that the WSIS Action Lines have helped **raise awareness within the international community** about the challenges many communities face in realizing the benefits of the inclusive Information Society.
* **Brazil Government:** 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.

**VC EGY: (Brazil Text)** 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 Societies.

**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) that are regularly updated, and the based on internationally agreed development goals, including those in the Millennium Declaration, which are premised on international cooperation, and that the indicative targets given in WSIS Plan of Action item 6 have become the basis in the establishment of the national targets, considering national and regional circumstances.

* **Czech Republic, Government:** CZ supports this version as we are in the part of the Preamble where the outcomes are mentioned. For this reason we suggest to delete the Cuba´s input.
* **Japan, Government** : 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 Society that are regularly updated, and the based on internationally confirmed development goals, including those in the Millennium Declaration, which are premised on international cooperation, and that the indicative targets given in WSIS Plan of Action item 6 have become the basis in the establishment of the national targets, considering national and regional circumstances.
* **ISOC, Civil Society**: 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) that are regularly updated, embracing the multistakeholder approach, and based on internationally agreed development goals, including those in the Millennium Declaration, which are premised on international cooperation, and that the indicative targets given in WSIS Plan of Action item 6 have become the basis in the establishment of the national targets, considering national and regional circumstances.

**Brazil, Government**: 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).

**CUBA, Governemnt:**

We note ~~with~~ ~~satisfaction~~ the need to continue to work with the WSIS outcomes ~~have~~ to led to the development of regional and national strategies and plans for the development of inclusive Information and Knowledge Society (ies) that are regularly updated, and the based on internationally agreed development goals, including those in the Millennium Declaration, which are premised on international cooperation, and that the indicative targets given in WSIS Plan of Action item 6 have become the basis in the establishment of the national targets, considering national and regional circumstances.

**Comments for the Cuba, Government para:**

**Sweden, Government:** Deleted

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

**VC EGY: We acknowledge the significant efforts made towards the realization of a global ICT based economy through adopting appropriate national ICT policies and integrating the efforts of all stakeholders.**

1. We acknowledge the significant efforts made towards the realization of a global digital 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.**
* **Brazil, Government**: 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.

**VC EGY: ~~(~~Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society** text) We note with satisfaction that in the area of **digital inclusion there is greater** awareness of the importance of promoting digital inclusion for youth, elderly persons, women, the vulnerable and marginalized, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities, while promoting the wealth of the world’s languages.

1. We note with satisfaction that in the area of **digital inclusion 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.
* **Brazil, Government** : 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
* **Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society** : We note with satisfaction that in the area of **digital inclusion there is greater** awareness of the importance of promoting digital inclusion for youth, elderly persons, women, the vulnerable and marginalized, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities, while promoting the wealth of the world’s languages.

**CUBA, Government:**

We note with satisfaction that in the area of **digital inclusion 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. We also recognize the need to make further international efforts, particularly by industrialized countries, to help developing countries to assist these groups in vulnerable situation to enjoy these technologies.

**Comments on Cuba, Government Para:**

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

VC EGY: We acknowledge the significant contribution of all UN Agencies in charge of facilitating Action Lines actively contributing to the WSIS implementation, including ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, ITC, UPU, WHO, ILO, UNEP, WMO, FAO, UNWOMEN and the UN Regional Commissions.

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.

* **ISOC, Civil Society:** We 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.
* **UK, Government**: We highly appreciate the WSIS Forum, regularly arranged by ITU jointly with UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, attracting all stakeholders as asite 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 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.
* **Czech Republic, Government:** CZ supports this wording and opposes Cuba´s as all stakeholders in WSIS should have equal position.

**CUBA, Government:**

6b) We highly appreciate the WSIS Forum, regularly arranged by ITU jointly with UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, attracting ~~all~~ States and 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.

**Comments on Cuba, Government Para:**

**ISOC, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Sweden, Government:** Deleted

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted **UK, Government:** Deleted

VC EGY: **agree to the original text.**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:***

**VC EGY: Many countries have made considerable progress in implementing the Action lines in the form of tangible policies, projects and services across the different sectors of the society.**

1. Countries have made **considerable progress in implementing the Action lines** in the form of tangible policies, projects and services in all of the society’s vital sectors, as well as integration of the **WSIS Objectives within national ICT policies.**
* **Brazil, Government:** 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.

VC EGY: (Sweden Text) The WSIS Action Lines have contributed to a deepened **understanding for the significance of ICT for development** among policy and decision makers

1. WSIS Action Lines have contributed to a deepened **understanding and significance of ICT for development** among policy and decision makers.
* **Japan, Government:** WSIS Action Lines have contributed to a deepened mutual **understanding and significance of ICT for development** among policy and decision makers.
* **Sweden, Government**: WSIS Action Lines have contributed to a deepened **understanding for the significance of ICT for development** among policy and decision makers.
* **Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Moved this para to 7

 WSIS Action Lines have contributed to a deepened **understanding and significance of ICT for development** among policy and decision makers.

**CUBA:**

WSIS Action Lines have contributed to ~~a deepened~~ **understanding and significance of ICT for development** among policy and decision makers.

**Comments on Cuba, Government Para:**

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government:**Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

**VC EGY: suggesting deletion.**

1. The majority of developing countries now **feature ICTs as key enablers of their national visions and plans for sustainable development.**
* **Brazil, Government:** 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.

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Many developing countries now **feature ICTs as key enablers of their national visions and plans for sustainable development.**

**VC EGY: Suggests combination of 10, 11, 13 and 14 as follows:" The increase in access to information and knowledge has widened and deepened in the past 10 years due to new technologies such as mobile penetration, broadband access, and the emergence of new services such as social media and cloud computing; these have introduced new means of communications and dissemination of information as well as freedom of expression and better usage of ICT applications.**

1. The increase in **access to information and knowledge has widened and deepened in the past 10 years** with more opportunities available to exercise freedom of expression and engage in social networking than ever before.
* **Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: We think that this could be deleted, or re-worded, as it does not mention ICTs
* **Czech Republic, Government**: CZ supports this text as it is more general. CZ also supports combining para 10-14 into one.
* **Brazil Government**: Deleted

**CUBA, Government:**

The increase in **access to information and knowledge has widened and deepened in the past 10 years** with more opportunities available to exercise the right to education and cultural rights, freedom of expression and engage in social networking than ever before, as well as to enjoy the right to development.

**Comments for Cuba, Government Para:**

**ISOC Civil Society:** Deleted

Sweden, Government: **SE does not support this version**

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government: Deleted**

**UK, Government:** Deleted

1. The emergence of new services, including **social networks and cloud computing**, in the last few years has increased the means to communicate and to access and distribute information
* **Brazil, Government**: 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. .
* **Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society** :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.
1. There has been an increased level of **mobile penetration and rise of broadband penetration.**
* **Brazil Government: T**here 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.
1. There has been increased **knowledge, acceptance and capacity building** in ICT Applications like E-Government, E-business, E-learning, E-health, E-employment, E-environment, E-agriculture and E-science by the user and the provider
* **Brazil Government**: Deleted

**CUBA, Government:**

There has been increased **knowledge, acceptance and capacity building** in ICT Applications like E-Government, E-business, E-learning, E-health, E-employment, E-environment, E-agriculture and E-science by the user and the provider, but we need to continue reducing the digital divide and the development gap. International cooperation is essential for reducing this differences.

**Comments for Cuba, Government Para:**

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Sweden, Government**: There has been increased **knowledge, acceptance and capacity building** in ICT Applications like E-Government, E-business, E-learning, E-health, E-employment, E-environment, E-agriculture and E-science by the user and the provider, but we need to continue reducing the digital divide and the development gap.

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

UK, Government: Deleted

**VC EGY: There has been increasing awareness by policy makers of the importance of public access to ICTs and the different tools to combat the digital divide.**

1. 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.

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**:There is greater recognition among policy makers that achieving digital inclusion also goes beyond questions of network deployment and affordability. This includes an increasing awareness of the importance of affordable and **publicly accessible ICTs and tools** to combat the digital divide, and the continuing value of libraries in this regard.

**VC EGY: There has been significant awareness of the need for greater collaboration among governments and all relevant stakeholders to address different aspects of enhancing confidence, security and trust in the use of ICTs. International and regional cooperation and capacity building programs have been recognized as key elements in achieving this.**

1. There has been significant awareness of the need for greater collaboration among all stakeholders to address different aspects of enhancing confidence and security in the use of ICTs [including legal measures, technical and procedural measures, organizational structures, capacity building and international cooperation, as well as literate use of the Internet and ICTs.]
* **Czech Republic, Government:** CZ supports this text as all the stakeholders should have equal position in the WSIS process. We propose to delete the Cuba´s proposal.
* Canada, Government: There has been significant awareness of the need for greater collaboration among all stakeholders to address different aspects of enhancing confidence and security in the use of ICTs [including, technical and procedural measures, organizational structures, capacity building and international cooperation, as well as literate use of the Internet and ICTs.]
* Brazil, Government: 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.

**CUBA, Government:**

There is significant awareness of the need for **greater collaboration** ~~among~~ between governments and other stakeholders to address different aspects of enhancing confidence and security in the use of ICTs including legal measures, technical and procedural measures, organizational structures, capacity building and international cooperation, as well as literate use of the Internet and ICTs.

**Comments on Cuba, Government Para:**

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**ISOC, Civil Society:** Deleted

**Sweden, Government**: Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

1. 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.
* **Czech Republic, Government**: Cz supports this text and merging with para 21.
* Canada, Government: There is increasedawareness of the need to strengthen respect for the rights to freedom of opinion and expression and privacy, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and to protect personal data.

**CUBA, Government:**

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,** while recognizing **that** restrictions provided for in Article 19 of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are fully applicable as well as the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations.

**Comments on Cuba, Government Para:**

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**ISOC, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Sweden, Government:** Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

**VC EGY: (original text) 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.

1. **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.

**CUBA, Government :**

**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.

**Comments for Cuba, Government para:**

**Czech Republic, Government** : CZ supports this version of para 17.

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

VC EGY: suggest deletion.

1. A new-generation of ICT policies and regulations were adopted in the majority of countries designed to advance the deployment of broadband, encourage innovation and enable digital inclusion of all.
* **Czech Republic, Government**: CZ suggests deletion of this para for being redundant.

Brazil Government: Delete

VC EGY: The WSIS process has contributed to supporting research in e-Science providing better understanding of emerging trends, its impact and future direction.

1. 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.

**Japan, Government**: 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 mutual understanding of emerging trends, its impact and future direction

**VC EGY: suggests to combine paras 21 & 20.1 as follows : Cultural Diversity has been recognized as an integral part of the information society and sustainable development**

1. 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.

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**VC EGY: Suggests Deletion  ~~]~~**

1. 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.
* **Czech Republic, Government** : CZ supports this version of para 21.
* **Japan, Government:** There is an increasingly shared recognition 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 be protected 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.
* **ISOC, Civil Society**: ISOC: Possibility of merging with para 16
* **Sweden, Government:** SE supports this version
* **Canada, Government**: 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 opinion and expression, the right to education, privacy rights and the right to participate in cultural life.

**CUBA, Government**

There is an increasingly shared understanding that **ethical principles** for inclusive Information and Knowledge Society (ies) derive from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and comprise the right to freedom of expression, as reflected in Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 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.

21 bis. It is recognized that realization of right to development is an essential factor for developing countries.

**Comments for Cuba, Government Para:**

**Sweden, Government:** Deleted

**Japan, Government**: Deleted

**Canada, Government**: Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

**VC EGY: Improved access to ICT in education over the past 10 years enhanced individual development and supported the development of skilled labor force, providing active participation in the society and availing new opportunities for social mobility.**

1. Improved access to **ICT in education** over the past 10 years enhanced users capacities for individual development and active participation in society as well as supporting the development of a skilled workforce for a global economy and giving also new opportunities for social mobility.

**Brazil, Government**: 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.

VC EGY: suggest deletion, since it was previously tackled & it is a challenge more than an achievement

1. There is greater recognition among policy makers that achieving digital inclusion goes beyond questions of network deployment and affordability. This includes ensuring that **ICTs are** **available, accessible and affordable for everyone, including persons with disabilities** .
* **Czech Republic, Government**: CZ supports merging
* **Brazil, Government**: 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
* **UK, Government**: There is greater recognition among policy makers that achieving digital inclusion goes beyond questions of network deployment and affordability. This includes ensuring that **ICTs are** **available, accessible and affordable for everyone,**.VC EGY: ICTs play an important role in socio-economic development through job creation and entrepreneurship.
1. ICTs play an important role in **promoting the employment and entrepreneurship of youth, women, indigenous people and persons with disabilities**.

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**CUBA, Government:**

ICTs play an ~~crucial~~ important role in promoting the employment and entrepreneurship of youth, women, indigenous people and persons with disabilities.

**Comments for the Cuba, Government para:**

**Canada, Government**: Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**VC EGY:** suggests deletion; it is already covered in the challenges part as well as in the preamble.

1. Visibility has been raised on a global scale on the need to ensure that **women take up ICT careers**, so that women become creators of essential ICT tools as well as provide input into ICT policy directions.
* **Czech Republic, Government** : Visibility has been raised on a global scale on the need to ensure that **women have the possibility to take up ICT careers**, so that women become creators of essential ICT tools as well as provide input into ICT policy directions.
* **Brazil, Government**: 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.

**VC EGY:** suggests deletion; it is already covered in the challenges part.

1. The need has been recognized to address, , the promotion of ethical codes, and where appropriate, self-regulation and where appropriate, regulations established by law of professions involved in the production, distribution and archiving of information, communication and knowledge.
* **Czech Republic, Government**: The need has been recognized to address, , the promotion of ethical codes, and where appropriate, self-regulation of information, communication and knowledge. CZ opposes the part of the para that we suggest for deleting as it belongs to the national level of legislation.
* **ISOC, Civil Society**: The need to explore ethical considerations of the information society, and where appropriate, self-regulations developed by the private sector.
* **Canada, Government**: Deleted
* **Brazil, Government**: The promotion of ethical codes, regulations, including self-regulation, where applicable, and/or law regarding ICT professionals has been recognized as fundamental.
* **Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: We find this vaguely worded and would like clarification on its purpose.
* **Internet Infrastructure Coalition, Civil Society:** The revisions should be consolidated so that the resulting text recognizes the applicability of ethical codes, self-regulation, multistakeholder governance and governmental regulations as equal and in some cases, complimentary, modalities of Internet regulation
* **Sweden, Government**: Deleted
* **i2Coalition**, Civil Society: The revisions should be consolidated so that the resulting text recognizes the applicability of ethical codes, self-regulation, multistakeholder governance and governmental regulations as equal and in some cases, complimentary, modalities of Internet regulation.

**VC EGY: Innovative financial mechanisms has been improved, such as public private partnership, as well as adequate and sustainable investments contributed to the progress towards building inclusive Information Society.**

1. 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

**CUBA, Government:**

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

**Comments on Cuba, Government Para**

**Sweden**, **Government**: Deleted

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**Internet Democracy Project, CDT, IFLA and Access, Civil Society**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**VC EGY:**. The efforts exerted to increase affordable access in the developing countries and in particular LDCs

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1. We recognize with appreciation all of the efforts exerted to increase affordable access in the developing countries and in particular LDCs.
* **Czech Republic, Government:** CZ supports this text

**CUBA, Government:**

Although all of the exerted efforts to increase the accessibility in the developing countries and LDCs, yet more efforts from industrialized countries, and international cooperation are still needed to guarantee access for all citizens.

**Comments on Cuba, Government Para**

**Japan, Government:** Deleted

**ISOC, Civil Society:** Deleted

**Sweden, Government**: Deleted

**Brazil, Government**: Deleted

**UK, Government:** Deleted

VC EGY: It is already covered in another point

1. the needs of the growing population of aged citizens and the role of ICT in to enable such citizens to continue their lives in an independent and autonomous living conditions.
* Brazil, Government: 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.

VC EGY: suggests deletion.

1. The opportunities offered by new technology may present new accessibility barriers. Affordable solutions exist but are language dependent, sharing this knowledge and observing accessibility will ensure that inclusive Information Society for all.
* **Brazil, Government**: 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.

**VC EGY:** suggests deletion.

**(New Para) IFIP, Civil Society**: The providers of ICT services in relation to all of the above, should behave professionally in that they should be knowledgeable, ethical and subscribe to continuous learning and professional development.

(Don’t know if the wording is right, but I do think we should have a clause that encapsulates professionalism in the provision of all ICTs.)