**Session Outcome Document**

(*2 pages max*)

 **[Shall governments have access to encrypted messaging apps content?]**

**[RealTyme]**

**[Thursday, 10 July 2025- 16:00–16:45]**

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**Key Issues discussed: Looking Beyond 2025** (5–8 bullet points highlighting achievements, emerging trends, challenges in 20 years, figures, success stories and opportunities for WSIS beyond 2025)

**Where We've Come From — and What Comes Next**

* Internet penetration in developing countries grew from 7% in 2005 to over 66% in 2023
* Cybersecurity has evolved from technical concern to national priority
* Sovereign communication is now a foundation for trust, not a fringe concept
* WSIS helped prove multi-stakeholder models work: governments, private sector, civil society, and academia
* But the AI and post-quantum era demands new governance models
* Governments in the Global South are leading in secure digital infrastructure innovation
* WSIS+20 must transition from policy to practice—especially on trusted, sovereign communication

**Tangible Outcomes of the session**

**Key Achievements**

* Reframed the global encryption debate around trust, identity, and sovereignty
* Highlighted outcomes of the ITU Academy training delivered to 15+ countries
* Presented a forward-looking vision for governable encryption and secure communication infrastructure

**Announcements / Launches**

* Invitation to participate in the next wave of Cyber for Good training programs for public sector teams
* Introduction of RealTyme’s support model for secure communication pilots in low-income and least developed countries

**Agreements / Commitments**

* Call to action for governments to assess and upgrade their internal communication security frameworks
* Panel endorsement of sovereign platforms as an alternative to anonymous consumer apps
* Participant interest in regional working groups to define AI-misuse detection standards in encrypted systems

**Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan for the WSIS+20 Review and Beyond** (2–5 bullet points presenting concrete actions and guidance to inform the WSIS+20 Review by UNGA and build the multistakeholder vision of WSIS beyond 2025)

* Encourage UNGA and member states to adopt a shared definition of "governable encryption" based on identity, transparency, and sovereignty
* Prioritize investment in sovereign secure communication platforms as foundational digital public infrastructure
* Establish regional cooperation tracks to define standards for AI-misuse detection in encrypted systems
* Include digital identity and encryption governance as core elements in cybersecurity capacity-building programs
* Foster multi-stakeholder innovation partnerships to support post-quantum transition readiness and responsible AI use