



General Assembly's overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes

Comments on the draft outcome of 4 November

A. Your Information

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B. Formal Input

1. Introduction

We refer to the draft outcome of 4 November published at:
<http://workspace.unpan.org/sites/Internet/Documents/UNPAN95572.pdf>

Thanking the co-facilitators for the working document, we offer a general comment in section 2 below, and we propose one revision, see section 3 below.

2. General comment

We support the request made in several submissions, to underline an effective and continual inclusion of Civil Society.

In particular, in the elaboration of national and international policies, Civil Society can play an important role by representing the real needs of the users and local community. In addition, they can contribute to

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the creation of conditions that support Capacity Building initiatives and reduce the digital divide in a real and sustainable way.

We believe that in many situations, the full engagement of Civil Society in this process is an objective still to be reached.

3. Suggested revision

Paragraph 9, add at the end:

We recall that the General Assembly, in resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015 affirmed: "We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development".