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FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

**Amendments/additional recommendations to document
"Compilation of recommendations contained in contributions from WGEC
members and Observers to the two guiding questions agreed during the first
meeting of the WGEC"**

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Subject: The contributions of the Russian Federation to 3rd meeting of CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

I Background

The Tunis Agenda in § 69 *recognized the need for **enhanced cooperation** in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in **international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet**, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not impact on international public policy issues.*

In para 35 *it was **reaffirmed** that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations.*

*In this respect it is recognized on **international public policy issues** that:*

a) *Policy authority for **Internet-related public policy issues** is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for **international Internet-related public policy issues**.*

d) *Intergovernmental organizations have had, and should continue to have, a facilitating role in the coordination of **Internet-related public policy issues**.*

Para 58 *recognized that Internet governance includes more than Internet naming and addressing. It also includes other significant **public policy issues** such as, inter alia, critical Internet resources, the security and safety of the Internet, and developmental aspects and issues pertaining to the use of the Internet.*

Para 70 *emphasized that using relevant international organizations, such cooperation should include the development of globally-applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources. In this regard, **we call upon** the organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet to contribute to creating an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles.*

Para 71 *stated that the process towards **enhanced cooperation**, to be started by the UN Secretary-General, involving all relevant organizations by the end of the first quarter of 2006, will involve all stakeholders in their respective roles, will proceed as quickly as possible consistent with legal process, and will be responsive to innovation. Relevant organizations should commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and responsive to innovation. The same relevant organizations shall be requested to provide annual performance reports.*

UNGA in its **Resolution A/70/125** drawn special attention to the enhance cooperation:

64. We acknowledge that various initiatives have been implemented and some progress has been made in relation to the process towards **enhanced cooperation** detailed in paragraphs 69 to 71 of the Tunis Agenda.

65. We note, however, the divergent views held by Member States with respect to the process towards implementation of enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda. We call for continued dialogue and work on the implementation of **enhanced cooperation**. We accordingly request the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to further implement **enhanced cooperation** as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda, taking into consideration the work that has been done on this matter thus far.

II Format of Enhanced cooperation

Enhanced cooperation might have two formats based on the relevant roles and responsibilities of governments and other stakeholders.

Format	Entity	Role of governments	Role of stakeholders
Intergovernmental Between governments (para 69 TA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN separate body/frameworks/ mechanisms • UN agencies • International and regional intergovernmental organizations 	Equal footing among governments	Consulting
Multi-stakeholder between governments and all other stakeholders (para 69 and 71 TA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergovernmental organizations with nongovernmental membership • International and regional organizations, forums etc. 	Equal footing	Equal footing

III Scope and Focus areas of Enhanced cooperation

Levels	Focus area
Infrastructural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring connectivity, stability, continuity, integrity and sustainability of the network • Coordination and management of critical Internet resources but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters • Affordability and universal access • Security, safety, COP and combating spam and cybercrime at the infrastructural level

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom of expression, privacy, • Ethics in Internet • Information Security • Confidentiality • Combating spam and cybercrime at the content level • Protecting children and vulnerable people from abuse and exploitation. • Intellectual Property Rights • Protection of personal data and information • Multilingualism and heritage • Capacity building
Social-economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital transformation and SDGs • Bridging digital and gender divide • Enhanced involvement of developing countries in Internet governance • Human rights in cyberspace • Consumer protection • ICT applications, including international e-commerce, e-business, e-environment, e-health, e-agriculture • Elimination of ICT illiteracy • Etc.

IV High level characteristics of Enhanced cooperation (TBD)

V International organizations to be involved to Enhanced cooperation

Relevant international organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet should create an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles.

HLPF, WSIS Forum, IGF could provide necessary platform for regular wide multi-stakeholder discussions.

International public policy issues	UN agencies	Forums
Infrastructural level	ITU, UNDP	WSIS Forum, IGF
Content level	UNESCO, UNCTAD,	WSIS Forum, IGF, HLPF
Social-economic development level	UNGIS, UNCTAD, UNDP, ITU, UNESCO, WIPO, WTO, UNDECA,	HLPF, WSIS Forum, IGF

	WHO, FAO, WBG, UN Women	
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VI Recommendations

- To include this material as an Annex to a report to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-first session for inclusion in the annual report of the Commission to the Council, that will also serve as an input to the regular reporting of the Secretary-General on implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.
- To invite UN GA to consider reasonability of establishing UN separate body/frameworks/mechanisms for intergovernmental format of continuation of Enhanced cooperation in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.
- To invite relevant UN agencies, intergovernmental and international and regional organization responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet to create and support an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles.
- To recommend governments and all other stakeholders to use the Annex to WGEN 2 Report in their activities on continuation of Enhanced cooperation in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.