

Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation Note on Composition and Guidelines

In December 2012, the 67th session of the General Assembly adopted resolution 67/195, which invites the Chair of the CSTD to establish a working group on enhanced cooperation.

I. Mandate of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

General Assembly resolution 67/195:

“20. *Invites* the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to establish a working group on enhanced cooperation to examine the mandate of the World Summit on the Information Society regarding enhanced cooperation as contained in the Tunis Agenda, through seeking, compiling and reviewing inputs from all Member States and all other stakeholders, and to make recommendations on how to fully implement this mandate; when convening the working group, the Chair should also take into consideration the meetings already scheduled on the calendar of the Commission, and the working group should report to the Commission at its seventeenth session, in 2014, as an input to the overall review of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

21. *Requests* the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to ensure that the working group on enhanced cooperation has balanced representation between Governments, from the five regional groups of the Commission, and invitees from all other stakeholders, namely, the private sector, civil society, technical and academic communities, and intergovernmental and international organizations, drawn equally from developing and developed countries.

22. *Urges* the international community in this regard to make voluntary contributions to the special trust fund established by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to support the review and assessment work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development regarding follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society.”

II. Composition

Pursuant to the above mentioned resolution, and on the basis of his note dated 8 January 2013, and the consultations undertaken in this context, the Chair of the CSTD establishes a Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation composed of:

- 22 Member States (four per regional group plus the two that have hosted the World Summit on the Information Society)

The Chair also invites the following stakeholders to interactively participate in the Working Group:

- Five representatives from the private sector
- Five representatives from civil society

- Five representatives from the technical and academic communities
- Five representatives from intergovernmental and international organizations

III. Guidelines

The Rules of Procedure of the ECOSOC and its Functional Commissions shall govern the work of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation. Discussions should be open and transparent and respect all proposals and opinions. The Working Group will report to the CSTD at its seventeenth session, in 2014, as an input to the overall review of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

The report of the Working Group will be adopted by consensus.