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Submission by

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

This submission was prepared as an input to the report of the UN Secretary-General on "Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels" (to the 18th session of the CSTD), in response to the request by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2006/46, to the UN Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS as part of his annual reporting to the Commission.

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Dear Ms. Miroux,
Dear Ms. Kultamaa,

I write in response to the letter dated 7 October 2015, from Secretary-General Kituyi addressed to the OECD Secretary-General.

Although the OECD was not specifically part of the Tunis Agenda and the Tunis Commitment, and therefore has no follow-up commitments, we have always been willing to co-operate with other international organisations. We are pleased to continue to provide information on our work to enhance co-operation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

In particular, we would like to direct your attention to the following 2015 OECD publications:

- *Digital Economy Outlook (DEO)* – The DEO report provides a status update of progress made by countries in OECD and partner countries like Brazil, Colombia and Egypt, to develop their digital economies in a way that maximises social and economic benefits, but also highlights the need to address the risk of disruption in areas like privacy and jobs. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264232440-en>
- *Data-Driven Innovation (DDI)* – The DDI report shows that the migration of economic and social activities to the Internet and the advent of The Internet of Things – along with dramatically lower costs of data collection, storage and processing and rising computing power – mean that data-analytics is increasingly driving innovation and is potentially an important new source of growth. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264229358-en>.
- *Enquiries into the Intellectual Property's Economic Impact (IP)* – The IP report highlights the importance of various types of intellectual property as sources of growth and innovation in today's economies and the effects on IP systems and stakeholders of major developments such as content digitisation, the growth of the Internet, and globalisation. <http://www.oecd.org/sti/ieconomy/KBC2-IP.Final.pdf>

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- *Recommendation on Digital Security Risk Management for Economic and Social Prosperity* (Digital Security Recommendation) – The Digital Security Recommendation calls on the highest level of leadership in government and in public and private organisations to adopt an approach to digital security risk management that builds trust and takes advantage of the open digital environment for economic and social prosperity. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264245471-en>.

I hope this information is useful in the preparation of the annual report. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the materials referred to above or our work on the Internet economy.

Yours sincerely,

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