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**Contribution to the guiding questions agreed during first meeting of the
WGEC**

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UNESCO contribution to the two questions raised by the Chair of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

What are the high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation?

As defined in the Tunis Agenda and through the work of the previous Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation, high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation include that it be open, inclusive, democratic, and multistakeholder, involving closer cooperation between governments, the private sector, civil society, and the technical and academic communities.

In this light, UNESCO acknowledges the significant process that has been made towards achieving enhanced cooperation since 2005. This includes, *inter alia*, the:

- Annual Internet Governance Forum, as well as more than 70 national and regional IGFs, as a key forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue on public policy issues related to Internet governance, through the exchange of ideas, sharing of good practices and experiences, identification of emerging issues, and contribution to capacity building;
- Annual WSIS Forum, as a mechanism of coordination of multi-stakeholder implementation activities, sharing of good practices, and development of public/private partnerships to advance development goals;
- Mapping of international Internet public policy issues, led by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development;
- Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, to promote the use of ICT and broadband-based technologies for sustainable development;
- IANA stewardship transition of key technical Internet functions to the global multistakeholder community and the process to enhance ICANN's accountability.

Taking into consideration the work of the previous WGEC and the Tunis Agenda, particularly paragraphs 69-71, what kind of recommendations should we consider?

The WGEC may wish to consider the following kind of recommendations:

- Recommendations for improving the IGF, particularly to ensure sustainable funding;
- Recommendations for how enhanced cooperation can contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of inclusive Knowledge Societies;

- Recommendations for how to support Member States in ensuring that their Internet-related laws, policies and regulations involve the participation of all stakeholders and are aligned with international human rights and the principles of openness and accessibility.