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The United States is pleased to provide the following recommendations for inclusion in the report of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (WGEC). These recommendations were updated based on feedback from the third and fourth meetings of the WGEC.

- Institutions and processes should encourage and facilitate the full participation of all stakeholders when considering international Internet-related public policy issues.
- Institutions and processes dealing with international Internet-related public policy should entertain proposals from all stakeholders related to ensuring the Internet remains an open, interoperable, secure, and reliable platform and strive to reflect areas of consensus.
- Institutions and processes should encourage the participation of stakeholders from underrepresented groups, including developing countries, women, persons with disabilities and persons with special needs, youth, and unaffiliated users when considering international Internet-related public policy issues.
- In order to continually improve Internet-related public policy discussions, institutions and processes dealing with international Internet-related public policy should take advantage of successful approaches developed by other relevant institutions in order to further strengthen and improve their own existing structure and processes. Practices of potential benefit include procedural and participation improvements, best practices, and lessons learned.
- Consistent with the *Tunis Agenda*, the complementary relationship between the Internet Governance Forum and the development of international Internet-related public policy should be further strengthened by encouraging and facilitating the participation of all stakeholders in the annual Internet Governance Forum, as well as in national, sub-regional and regional IGF initiatives, and other bottom-up multistakeholder fora.