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**Item 2: Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS
outcomes at the regional and international levels - Substantive session on the
ten-year review**

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Brazil's Statement

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Madam Chairperson,

I would like to thank the Secretariat for the elaboration of the report entitled "Implementing WSIS Outcomes: A Ten-Year Review". I thank the Secretariat, in particular, for the positive references made to the Brazilian Steering Committee, "Marco Civil" and the NETMundial. In our view, the report constitutes a very good basis for our deliberations.

It is not enough, however, to welcome the document. We are challenged – and tasked – to provide relevant inputs to the UNGA through ECOSOC by trying to address the important questions raised by the report.

In regard to Internet Governance, there are two areas of particular concern to my delegation: the future of IGF and the process towards enhanced cooperation.

Brazil supports the extension of the IGF beyond 2015 as we are convinced that IGF plays a unique and irreplaceable role. Actually we are prepared to support the idea of making IGF a permanent body and to explore ways to make it sustainable from the financial and administrative viewpoints. In regard to the X IGF to be held in November, in Brazil, we are committed to contribute to making IGF move forward in regard to achieving more substantive outcomes and enhancing its inclusiveness.

On the other hand, we would also like to see progress in the discussion on enhanced cooperation beyond 2015. Discussions should move beyond rhetorical debate opposing different perspectives on whether enhanced cooperation is already taking place or not or whether we need new mechanisms to implement the concept. In our view, the mapping exercise could assist us in that regard by improving our understanding on which are the relevant issues; which are the existing mechanisms; what needs to be improved; and which gaps remain to be filled in. A lot of work has been invested in that effort and we therefore support the continuation of work towards fully implementing the concept of enhanced cooperation on the basis of the mapping exercise. The differences of views among us should not inhibit further discussions.

Upon reaffirming our interest in pursuing, simultaneously, the strengthening of IGF and the continuation of work around the concept of enhanced cooperation, I would like to suggest that two of the core principles that emanated from the WSIS outcome documents can, together, guide us through: multistakeholderism and the notion that different stakeholders have different roles and responsibilities.

Thank you.