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>>CHAIR: Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I call to order the fourth meeting of the 18th session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

Thank you very much. So I call to order the fourth meeting of the 18th session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. If you recall, we are in the substantive discussion of the -- of the outcomes of the World Summit on Information Society at the regional and international levels.

I invite the Commission to resume its consideration of Agenda Item 2 and to continue and conclude this afternoon the substantive general and interactive discussion on the ten-year review of progress made in the implementation of outcomes on the World Summit on Information Society, which you began this morning.

As I said before we closed this morning, the speakers will come as follows. The interventions will come as follows. We will have ICANN, followed by ICT for Peace, followed by ICC, I.T. for Change, and UNESCO. Thank you.

ICANN, you have the floor.

>>ICANN: Yes, thank you very much. Thank you very much, Madam Chairman. Good afternoon to you. Good afternoon to Your Excellencies, to colleagues, and to all those listening on the streaming. I had no idea it was being streamed. So I was able to call my mother at lunchtime and tell her -- tell her to listen in. She's into enhanced cooperation.

[Laughter]

So ICANN -- ICANN welcomes this opportunity to both attend this CSTD plenary meeting and to comment on the comprehensive and thought-provoking ten-year paper from the secretariat. I think the secretariat put it very well this morning when Madam Director identified that this is a pivotal meeting. This is an important meeting. One is not saying that CSTD plenaries are not important generally, but this certainly is an important meeting. And the eyes of the world, so to speak, are on the WSIS process, this meeting, and leading up to the United Nations General Assembly in December.

ICANN considers the WSIS process to be a very important component and reference point for the emerging Internet governance ecosystem in which we as ICANN play a small role along with many other players, not least the actors in the technical community, the Internet Governance Forum as we've

discussed, the NETmundial Initiative where we also play a small role along with the WEF and, of course, Brazil.

The Tunis Agenda remains important to our collective understanding of Internet governance. While, of course, we should recognize, as the secretariat have in their influential paper, that an awful lot has transpired since 2005. A lot has transpired, of course, in terms of technology, in terms of connectivity, in terms of the evolution of what the Internet makes -- means to people in a social, economic, and personal sense; but also the Internet governance landscape has transformed considerably.

We would like to thank the secretariat for referencing in Chapter 7 the evolution of ICANN itself that has taken place since Tunis, not least in the provision of international domain names, in non-Latin scripts which, of course, is very important for many parts of the world; the introduction along with the technical community of DNSSEC, a security protocol which has greatly enhanced the Domain Name System; and, of course, the ability of governments to debate and determine public policy issues pertaining to the Domain Name System. An example, Madam Chair, of enhanced cooperation.

It also highlights in terms of the WSIS process the current transition that is being undertaken of the IANA process, where the global Internet community are engaged in a process to replace the U.S. stewardship of the IANA function with a multistakeholder solution. This along with associated work on accountability has been taken forward in the global Internet community.

We greatly look forward to the resolution which we will be drafting this week for the UNGA. We believe that the report itself allows us to be positive and to be bold.

We need to be positive in the recognition of the real progress that has been made since 2005 across a number of fronts that has been referred to today and bold in calling for further progress to be made in the continuation to the WSIS process, a fact recalled by many governments this morning and many people more learned than myself, the fact that we still have work to do. There is work to do on a number of fronts. There is work to do going back to the genesis of the WSIS agenda, of development, of connectivity, of affordability, of accessibility in reducing the digital divide.

As others have called for, we believe it is essential that the UNGA process be open and transparent as we have seen the recent events organized in the run up to it by the ITU such as the WSIS Forum in a couple weeks' time and, of course, UNESCO. These events are involving all multistakeholders.

And, Madam Chair, people say to me that how come we have a situation where we have so many multistakeholders -- so many stakeholders contributing to this excellent process which you are chairing today, to the excellent processes that the ITU and UNESCO have taken forward? Surely in the U.N. General Assembly we should strive within the confines of the resolution that we're bound by to include as many stakeholders as possible.

We also want the resolution to endorse the renewal of the IGF mandate for another ten years. As has been said by many people, the IGF has become the singular global discussion forum for Internet

governance issues. Growing in participation and diversity, we very much look forward to the Brazil event later this year and to that proposed by Mexico in 2016.

Janis Karklins, the -- said eloquently yesterday how important the IGF has become for the global community; and I think we have to recognize that.

Finally, Madam Chair, we, of course, recognize that there can always be improvements in the way that actors perform on this Internet governance stage. ICANN along with many other organizations obviously can improve the way it performs, and we are committed to that. In terms of the management of the critical Internet resources, we will strive for further globalization. And, of course, we will do our best to take the WSIS Action lines and take the targets seriously as we pursue our business.

But, Madam Chair, we should not allow differences in views on Internet governance as you have said in your report and as others have said earlier this morning. We should not let these differences cloud us from the significant opportunities we have in terms of taking forward this developmental agenda, especially this critical year when the UN General Assembly is going to agree the Sustainable Development Goals in September. Surely the WSIS process can really show how ICT can make a difference for development and thus for the benefit of all mankind. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. And ICT for Peace.

>> ICT FOR PEACE: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, it's, of course, a great honor to be able to be invited to address you and to discuss what is close to the heart of the ICT for Peace Foundation.

Maybe you allow me as an introduction to explain a little bit the background of our foundation, which is a Swiss foundation which has two main objectives. First is sort of the promotion of information technology for peaceful purposes in terms of peace building, peace keeping, reconciliation processes. And the secondary are -- increasingly, is to support international processes regarding cybersecurity matters.

ICT for Peace is a brain child of the World Summit on Information Society and in particular of the Tunis Summit.

Broadly speaking, while the Geneva Summit was looking at building a global, inclusive cyber -- Information Society with special emphasis on ICT for development, some leaders came at that time and say, "How about peace?" Because if we look at, for instance, the Millennium Declaration, in the first paragraph, we find the reference to peace and prosperity. And it's one of the first chapters. It talks about peace and security as well as development. Need both mutually supportive to reach this Millennium Declaration.

That's why in the second phase some of the leaders came and said, How about peace, ICT for Peace? Couldn't we say also that - like, Mutatis Muntandis, as ICT support those people who are in development, or in government, or in industry helping to build jobs and prosperity? We couldn't say, you know, ICT could also support those actors who are in the business, if you allow me to say, of peace building, early

warning, prevention, mediation, post-conflict reconstruction, and peace building including humanitarian operations.

I'm very grateful to the secretariat who has taken up while going through the Declaration, the commitment -- Tunis Commitment, paragraph 36, which talks about these issues which the Head of States recognized the value of ICT for early warning prevention, mediation, post-conflict reconstruction; has looked at the progress made since Tunis Summit and has reflected that in the report which you find on page 27 eloquently describing that so much has happened in the field of ICT, there is a vibrant community of young technology developers, activists, and so forth who are developing these tools which are being used now for peaceful purposes.

I would also like to thank the office of the WSIS+10 Statement on the implementation of WSIS outcomes which has recognized this paragraph 36 in its preamble.

We stand ready to continue our work in promoting new technologies for peace keeping, peace building. We are working very closely with the United Nations' secretariat to introduce some of these new technologies in their regular work. We continue our work on helping promoting better understanding on the new challenges in terms of cybersecurity roles, norms of State behavior, confidence-building measures. And thank you very much for your kind patience. Thank you very much.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. ICC.

>> ICC: Thank you, Madam Chair. Considerable progress has been made since the WSIS in large part because of the forward-looking framework established by the WSIS principles and action lines. This has been amply demonstrated in the WSIS ten-year review of progress report which we're considering this morning.

This report which was prepared by all stakeholders joined -- we join others in considering this a comprehensive and balanced report. We endorse the report and endorse its going forward to the General Assembly.

The commitment to inclusion, innovation, and partnership has enabled all stakeholders to work together to advance the Knowledge Society. As others have noted this morning, our goal now is to turn vision into reality.

Our task now should be to understand where further advances can be achieved based on all that we've learned over the last ten years. ICC-BASIS considers that a clear lesson from the last ten years is that the best formula for success is for all stakeholders to work collaboratively towards common goals. The results of such collaboration produce more effective and sustainable outcomes. World business expects that this emphasis on joint input and action will continue.

One of the clearest successes of the WSIS is the blossoming of the Internet Governance Forum. Its value is evidenced by the thousands of people each year who invest the time and resources to participate in the IGF. Over the last ten years, it has grown into the premiere forum for all stakeholders

interested in the Information Society to come together to learn, find common ground, understand differences, and build partnerships.

Each year ICC-BASIS members participate in the IGF and its preparations, demonstrating the value of the forum to the business community. Preparations for the IGF in Brazil are off to a good start. And we look forward to having a strong business participation again this year.

For 2015, ICC-BASIS proposed a theme titled "Policy menus for bringing a billion online." We believe this is a topical issue given the need to increase the digital spread across the world. And we're pleased to see in the report that our proposal was accepted and that the work is underway on this theme.

We clearly appreciate the numerous endorsements for the extension of the IGF mandate and we strongly recommend this to be included in the GA resolution being developed this week. Thank you very much.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. I.T. for Change.

>>I.T. FOR CHANGE: Thank you, Chairperson.

I speak on the behalf of my organization, I.T. for Change, which is based in India but we work also with many other global actors in the area of Internet governance and ICT for development.

We welcome the presentation of the paper on WSIS implementation and look forward to it influencing the WSIS+ review.

Much has undoubtedly changed since the end of WSIS, and there may be a lot to celebrate with respect to the changes that we have witnessed.

However, as policymakers congregating at a global platform, perhaps much greater attention needs to be paid to what has not worked that well and where more effort is needed, especially in terms of right policies and especially with respect to the global dimension of such-needed efforts and policies. It would, therefore, be appropriate to focus the WSIS+10 review and CSTD's contribution to it on this aspect of what has not worked so well and what needs to be done as we move forward.

Now, let's talk about the governance of the Internet. Ten years back if one was to ask an otherwise politically articulate person on the street what were the policy dimensions of the Internet, that person may not have been able to say much.

Even then, we know that the working group on IG and the WSIS outcome documents mention a lot key Internet-related global public policy issues.

One has to regret, however, that precious little has been done in the last ten years with respect to developing any kind of democratic approach to addressing these issues.

Meanwhile, if the same politically articulate person was to be asked the same question today, ten years after the WSIS, the response -- the question that what the person thinks is not all that fine with respect

to the Internet and what kind of policy interventions may be needed. One would hear a much more concerned and elaborate account.

Numerous serious issues would come to the fore about which we read daily in the newspapers and, therefore, these need not be specifically mentioned here.

In the circumstances one can hardly hold that things are largely going in the right direction with regard to governance of the Internet. They are not going in the right direction with huge centralization of power being witnessed with respect to a sociotechnical artifact which was supposed to distribute power more fairly.

The global policymakers gathered here today must address this key concern. However, unfortunately today there is not even an appropriately globally democratic forum to address this concern.

Pressing issues like economics of data, which is the so-called oil of the new economy, and the need for regulating global Internet platforms in public interest have simply no home of any kind for globally democratic resolution. And this even when groups of developed countries are seriously pursuing many of these issues among themselves. Developed countries, however, are not at the policy table where policies get made which have a default global application due to the global nature of the Internet and its key nodes being in the developed countries, chiefly the U.S.

Let me quote from a news item that I came across just last week. The quote begins -- and this is the news item. Earlier this week, the French Economic Minister, Emmanuel Macron, and German Economic Minister Sigmar Gabriel called for a general regulatory framework for essential digital platforms in related to the E.U. Commission overseeing the reforms.

They wrote, and, again, in quote, "We believe that the growing power of some digital platforms is a wider challenge that warrants a policy consultation with the aim of establishing an appropriate regulatory framework for essential digital platforms. And the Commission will start the probe before the end of 2015," the quote ends.

When the E.U. countries find it of such urgent importance to address the issue of regulating essential digital platforms, which we know operate globally and individual countries have very little policy leverage over them, why would this not be a concern also at the U.N. level? That is the key question we have to address. This being one among many such issues which one does not have time to go into here.

Further, one hears a lot about how we should focus on issues of Internet-based development economic growth and perhaps not so much on Internet governance which is considered a political issue.

We have been through these debates before. And if -- it is truly mostly agreed that one cannot talk of development of a society at the expense of its governance, with which we would mean democratic governance. So it is with the Internet as well. An undemocratically governed Internet cannot contribute to equitable and just development and economic growth. This should be accepted as an axiomatic statement.

While we celebrate the Internet, we must not lose sight of the fact that the last two decades of the rise of the Internet is also the period which has witnessed an exceptionally steep rise in inequality across the world. Is there a connection here? As we actually have more resources due to technical developments, have our government systems including global Internet governance being -- failing us, we must address these structural issues.

Therefore, I would urge the CSTD and the WSIS+10 review to focus on the democratic governance of the Internet, which is a key paradigm determining so much social change today and for this purpose to begin looking in earnest at developing the necessary globally democratic institutional forums within the UN for developing necessary Internet-related public policies. Thank you, Chairperson.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. I'd like to go back to some member States who have raised their flags.

I'll start with Latvia.

>> LATVIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. We would like to add our voice to the public -- general discussion which goes public as a member of the Commission, afterwards when we move to informal negotiations. And those will be away from the microphones.

So, Madam Chair, on the outset, I would like to thank CSTD secretariat for putting together this comprehensive report. We would also like to thank all contributors to the report that together has made it so rich in information while also adding the context to the provided facts.

We agree that the report is well-balanced, and we strongly join those speakers that call for an adoption of this report as an outcome of WSIS+10 review by this Commission to be forwarded to New York.

While the report may not be perfect, we see that WSIS review process by this Commission might suffer if we try to put it in a framework of one single resolution or even sets of compiled resolutions.

We all should keep in mind that WSIS was not and is not one single event. It is a process. The process that we would like to see to continue. The process that should be aligned as best as possible is the post-2015 development framework, the process that draws its strength from its multistakeholder composition.

In this regard, we also support strengthening the Internet -- IGF and without prejudice to the decision that will be taken in New York. We would also like to see its mandate renewed for another ten years. I thank you, Madam.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

I'd like to call on Bolivia, please.

>> BOLIVIA: Thank you, Madam Chair, for the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Ministry of Communications, and ICTs in particular. We believe that ICTs are key tools for social development and socioeconomic development in general.

Our government has included scientific and technological sovereignty as one of its pillars for its agenda 2025, which is guiding our development during that period, in order to try to achieve development and taking full advantage of the technologies in our socioeconomic development promoting and protecting local indigenous knowledge as well.

With regard to the progress made in following up and implementing the WSIS outcomes at regional and international level, first of all, we would like to thank the CSTD Department for the documents that have been drawn up. We take note of the information provided in secretariat's report on the review of WSIS+10.

And we see that this is a very comprehensive document, and it's very up to date. But I do think that there are a number of recommendations that could be incorporated. And we regret that it hasn't been provided more enough in advance, and it has only been provided in English.

When you get to the progress, there has been progress in ICTs. And the impact on socioeconomic development has, however, not been as great as it could have been. We see that the digital divide between developed and developing countries remains high and continues to grow.

In order to make the most of technological progress and make it work for development and achieve the objectives in Geneva and Tunis, we believe that the review of ten years of implementation of the WSIS outcomes should include the following recommendations.

First, the need to step up international efforts in order to establish sustainable and appropriate mechanisms to promote transfer of technology and financing and other key mechanisms to ensure that intellectual property rules don't remain a barrier to technology transfer and development in developing countries.

Two, given that the Internet is a global public good and could have a tremendous impact on economics in societies, it should be governed in a democratic, multilateral, and transparent way in order to meet the needs of our countries and in particular developing countries, guaranteeing sovereignty of States and non-interference in the rights of states and the protection of privacy.

We stress the importance of strengthening international cooperation for Internet governance in order to enable governments to compete on an equal footing and meet their responsibilities in terms of international public policies on this matter.

And we reiterate the need to have a multilateral process in which we can discuss these issues in order to implement what has been set out in the Tunis commitment.

For the implementation of sustainable development objectives, the Declaration of Principles of Geneva continues to be relevant and the Tunis Commitment and Agenda for WSIS. And we believe that the commitment to build a people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented Information Society should remain the key in terms of our efforts to promote the information society. And we hope that we can contribute very constructively in the discussions to agree upon a resolution to incorporate these and other recommendations. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

Mauritania, you have the floor.

>> MAURITANIA: Thank you, Madam. I would like to thank you for welcoming Mauritania as a member of the Commission. We expressly need to underline how important this matter is in terms of its socioeconomic and political impact. The digital world is evermore present in our world, and this provides us with opportunities to modern who (indiscernible) of society, our education, our healthcare, and so on. And we can place the human being at the center of all this.

For Mauritania, integration into the Information Society is vital for social cohesion, economic growth, and human development. My government particularly stresses ICT development because of the impact this has on society as a whole and the fact that it enhances the creation of jobs inter alia.

The fact that our population is very widely spread throughout the country, a small population and a very big country geographically, and the huge distances that this implies, has provided opportunity for virtual university education.

We are also looking forward to the provision of public services from remote sources. And this will be a way of overcoming the difficulties faced and created by distance.

Furthermore, ITC [sic] development has a huge impact in the areas of telecommunications and so on. And this is something which is vital when it comes to countering poverty. And I'm in particular thinking of the recent broadband high connectivity project. Countries of the region in which Mauritania is located are anxious to stress the fact that in these recommendations we should stress the question of cyber environment, that is, using ITCs [sic] for cyber activities and the use of ITC [sic] for agriculture and development. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

UNESCO, you have the floor.

>>UNESCO: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Good afternoon to you all.

Let me start by thanking the Head of CSTD for an excellent presentation of the secretariat's report this morning, report UNESCO expressed its appreciation for already yesterday. It has a very balanced view, draws on a wide range of resources and contributions, and will be very valuable to the UNGA. We agree with much of the analysis provided and think altogether it is an excellent report.

My second important point is that for UNESCO, a key point which cannot be stressed sufficiently is the importance of ICTs for human development. We have laid out yesterday our vision of inclusive Knowledge Societies and the distinguished delegates and participants here are not reviewing the World Summit on Information Technology but on the Information Society. And that, of course, infrastructure and connectivity are important. UNESCO's co-chairing with ITU, the Broadband Commission. So we

place great importance to that, too. But it is all the subcomponents which are of increasing importance today as the report shows and the Head of the CSTD stressed this morning, too.

The nature of divides have changed. It's not only a matter of access but also of content and ability to use ICTs. So capacity-building, e-learning, multilingualism, local content become more and more important.

Of course, the new challenges concerns with rights, including access to information and knowledge but also freedom of expression and privacy, are of growing importance.

That brings me to my third point, and I would like to briefly brief the distinguished delegates and participants on an important event UNESCO organized just 8th of March this year, the CONNECTing the Dots conference. And it is about these Internet-related issues. And, of course, the work could not be reflected in this report.

Just as a brief background, the 37th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO requested the secretariat to produce a comprehensive study of Internet-related issues within the mandate of UNESCO containing possible options for future action.

UNESCO convened an inclusive multistakeholder process that will inform the Director-General's report on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes at the UNESCO's 38th General Conference in November 2015.

Through a very inclusive process based on the consultations of the concept notes of questionnaires which was developed and had some 200 responses from governments and all parts of the stakeholder groups represented here and consultations and 12 international and regional conferences, we produced a draft study. And this draft study was presented at this multistakeholder conference titled "CONNECTing the Dots, Options for Future Action."

And so we had more than 400 participants who overwhelmingly adopted an outcome document which commanded continued work on a list of options.

And in April 2015, the secretariat finalized the study: Keystones to fast inclusive knowledge, societies' access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethics on a global Internet. And the study was put online.

Now, why am I telling you this? UNESCO's 196th session of the Executive Board recommended the outcome document of this conference and also requested the Director-General to forward the outcome document of the "CONNECTing the Dots" conference as a non-binding input to the post-2015 development agenda and also to the UN General Assembly overall WSIS review process and to the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly established by the General Assembly Resolution 68/302.

I'm also telling you this because it was an inclusive multistakeholder process which was key to this outcome, and we should strive to make this overall WSIS review at the UNGA an inclusive and multistakeholder process to the extent really possible.

So in addition to the 2013 WSIS+10 Final Statement which was endorsed by the 37th General Conference, the Final Statement entitled "Information and Knowledge for All, an Expanded Vision and Renewed Commitment," we also contributed to the overall WSIS review, WSIS "CONNECTing the Dots" outcome document.

And in conclusion, UNESCO takes this opportunity to first congratulate the secretariat on an excellent report. Secondly, update the distinguished members on the outcome document and the "CONNECTing the Dots" conference and bring back also your memory of the 2013 Final Statement which was not mentioned, I think, enough or so far here.

It is for us sometimes difficult as we're Paris-based to inform everyone here of all the work in our six Action lines and our work as a lead facilitating agency. So we take this opportunity now.

And, of course, we want to highlight the importance and central role of ICT for human development. And this is what UNESCO will concentrate and continue to concentrate on and a vision towards inclusive Knowledge Societies. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

>>CHAIR: ESCWA, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

>> ESCWA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to thank the CSTD secretariat and congratulate the UNCTAD for the production of high-level report about the implementation of WSIS outcomes.

We know that this report was the result of a series of consultations with a number of information society stakeholders around the world including national and regional entities. ESCWA, the UN Regional Commission for Western Asia, was happy to collaborate with UNCTAD for the preparation of this report. And we are glad that the challenges and the priority areas of the Arab region for advancing the development of Information Society are well-reflected in this report.

Among these reports, among these priorities, I can mention promoting the development of broadband, encouraging the ICT professional training, drawing more attention to cybersecurity and cybercrime, enhancing enabling environment for the Information Society, developing relevant and high-quality local contents, and promoting innovation and entrepreneurship for creating a new job opportunity, especially for young people and women.

Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. ITU.

>>ITU: Madam Chair, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the ITU, it is our pleasure to congratulate the secretariat of the CSTD on the accomplishment of this important task of providing the background document for this meeting and input to the CSTD session.

We have provided several inputs to these documents, and we'd like to thank for reflecting many of the inputs provided through this channel.

The ITU is putting the WSIS at -- very high on our agenda, are coming out a lot of activities related to the WSIS according to the mandate, coming from the WSIS and being reconfirmed by the membership of the ITU.

On an annual basis, we are carrying out the WSIS Forum which with time became the global multistakeholder platform for the coordination of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes. And so we would like to thank all the stakeholders supporting this global effort and being the unique effort advancing the agenda of the implementation of the WSIS worldwide.

They're also carrying out continuously the stock-taking exercise, which is the excellent repository of the several activities -- implementation activities of several stakeholders, which now counts of the 100,000 stakeholders committed to this process.

We also provided the information on the ten year's report on the implementation of the ITU contribution to the WSIS, which has been noted by the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU and which is the repository of the different activities of the ITU which were carried out in the past.

We also would like to draw attention to the new decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference on the resolution on the Connect 2020, which sets very directly the targets for the connectivity and also for the global agenda for the next years.

While closing, we'd like to draw your attention to the ongoing efforts of the WSIS Action line facilitators in creating the conceptual reference point for the creation of the link between the SDG and the WSIS Action lines processes.

This document will be released shortly for the consultations, and we hope it will serve a very important reference point in the future discussions on the way forward for the WSIS beyond 2015.

One more time, please let me reiterate our thanks for making several references in the background document to the outcome documents of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event which was the joint effort of all stakeholders and facilitated by all UN agencies which teamed up in order to make happen the Vision beyond 2015 for WSIS. And the Statement on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes is endorsed by the multistakeholder process.

Madam Chair, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for your attention.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. I don't see any more cards up. I would just ask if there are any more member States or delegates that want to make any other interventions. No? Thank you very much.

I want to thank all the delegates and member States for your insightful, very thoughtful, deliberate, and constructive interventions. Progress has, indeed, been made in implementing the WSIS outcomes, but challenges still remain in achieving the vision of WSIS.

And you have very clearly in your interventions -- various interventions, you've highlighted not only the progress and the challenges but quite importantly what I would call the unfinished business in terms of

implementing WSIS outcomes. And also you have articulated what should potentially be our priorities going -- going forward.

I would like to state that the process continues with the working group in New York. And member States can continue to contribute to this process through that -- to the review through that working group.

So having listened very carefully to all the interventions and statements, I suggest that the Commission transmits this report through the ECOSOC to the General Assembly as an input to its debate on the overall review of WSIS.

I see no comments. Thank you very much.

Distinguished delegates, it's now 4:00 p.m, this session -- I beg your pardon. Iran, you have the floor.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good afternoon, colleagues. I'm seeking a point of clarification, that all those inputs or comments made here we heard today and yesterday on the draft. What will happen to those comments their room received during last two days on the report? Is it going to be a part of the report, or will it be included in the report of the Chairperson to the ECOSOC? I would appreciate that to be clarified. Thank you.

(No audio.)

>> Adama Samassekou: Thank you very much, Madam. As an observer, I would like to welcome what Iran has just asked because having been invited to this session, I and my colleague made some suggestions yesterday to be taken into account in the Commission's work looking forward to the post-2015 period following the World Summit. And I'm, therefore, interested in finding out what the fate of those proposals will be. These were seven proposals that I made when I took the floor in my keynote speech.

And I'm raising this now because everything that's been said suggests that we should be, to some extent, refocusing the post-2015 WSIS process, in particular looking back to what Mrs. Miroux said this morning.

It has been mentioned that stakeholders are not very involved in following up on guidelines. And one of my proposals was that within the process we should seek to develop a more regional approach which would mean that regionally States could be more involved in implementing and following up because if it remains simply national, then we're not going to move forward.

So I would just like to draw the attention of the Commission to the recommendations that I made which may provide some new impetus to the follow-up and monitoring process for the post-2015 phase. Thank you, Madam.

>>CHAIR: I beg your pardon. Saudi Arabia. I beg your pardon. Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And good afternoon, everybody. We'd like to seek clarification. Since a report will be submitted to the General Assembly through ECOSOC, will the report be submitted along with the report of the Chair of the Commission? And we'd also like to know if the report will be amended in any way prior to being submitted to the GA. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Brazil.

>>BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think my point is very similar to the previous ones in this sense to request a clarification on what we are deciding.

As I read the text of Resolution 68/302 on the modalities for the overall review of the General Assembly to be held in December, I see the call and the mandate for the Commission is to submit after its 18th session by June 2015 its report on the ten-year review. So it is a report of the Commission that is expected to go to the overall review process.

I understand by as you have proposed that we agree, if this is the case, to submit the report prepared by the secretariat to this overall review. This should go as an annex to the report of the -- of the report of this meeting in which -- as Mr. Samassekou has expressed.

Many other elements were brought to the table, many other comments. This should go into the report of the Commission which is the one that is expected. In an annex to this then maybe we could also submit the report by the secretariat as an input. But I stand to be corrected. I wanted to have the clarification.

So I understand we are not -- and I think it would not be the case to reopen the text of the report received by the secretariat. This is an input. But we should at some point discuss the report of the Commission. And this is the important input that will be submitted. This was what was requested by the appropriate resolution. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Cuba?

>>CUBA: Thank you, Chair. And I'd like to pay tribute to the way in which you are chairing the meeting. I haven't had the opportunity to congratulate you before now in the way in which you have been steering our work.

Like previous speakers, we think that great efforts have been made by the secretariat in drawing up this important report which reflects as closely as possible the current situation in which we are in terms of meeting the commitments undertaken at the World Summit on Information Society.

It's a very lengthy and detailed document that merits close consideration from our authorities prior to the High-Level Meeting at the UNGA on the overall review on WSIS.

We can't say that we endorse the report as it is. I think as Brazil and Iran and other observers have said, many delegations have shared detailed thoughts and considerations in connection with the report. And as I said, it is a very lengthy report. So perhaps we could say that this is just one more input to be

considered by our delegations and ministers at the December meeting. But we don't think that it's necessary to formally take note or endorse the document and say that it's our report. I don't think that's necessary. We have the document. We can take it back to capital and it can be consulted. Between now and December, there will be plenty of time to continue considering it. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Let me just take the final -- United States, you have the floor.

>>UNITED STATES: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

We concur with the concept that the discussions and deliberations that were conducted today and our colleagues' views on the review should be summarized and transmitted with the annex of the report and review.

We do think, however, that this review is not one input among many. It has a higher standing than the rest of the inputs to the degree that it was specifically requested as a review of the ten-year of implementation and also incorporates and includes, according to the secretariat's report, those other submissions that have been made.

So to that end, acknowledging and reporting on the diversity of views within the group is perfectly acceptable, taking note -- we would take note with appreciation of the report and transmit it to ECOSOC. But we would request consideration of the report that reflects both the amount of work that went into the report, the comprehensive nature of the report, and the fact that it is inclusive of all other inputs unlike the other inputs that have been included in this report.

>>CHAIR: Thank you all very much for those comments. Let me just provide some clarification to my earlier suggestion. First of all, to say that this report will not be amended. We will not open it up for review of the text.

A summary of the substantive discussion will be produced by the secretariat. And so what I'm suggesting is that we -- is that we send this report to the General Assembly through ECOSOC as an input to the debate on the overall review of the WSIS. But the report will be accompanied by a summary of the substantive discussion over the last two days. I hope that provides the clarification.

Thank you. I hear no other comments. Iran.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. To my delegation, since this report is not discussed in this room, therefore, it is very difficult to accept as an endorsement by the CSTD Commission to be sent to ECOSOC. Otherwise, to maybe title that it is prepared by the secretariat and there is -- I don't think it is necessary to -- in the report to be mentioned that it is endorsed by the Commission.

So it will be the report of the secretariat, not the report of the Commission because when we are talking about the Commission, it means the members of the CSTD Commission. And at the moment, what we heard from the room, I don't think this report has the endorsement of the room at least by some we heard.

Therefore, I think that's the issue. Should be very well-reflected in the report of the Chairman to the ECOSOC. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you very much. You are absolutely right. This report has not been endorsed by the Commission because there have been various comments made. And we are in no way suggesting that this report is transmitted as an endorsement. It is being transmitted as an input to the further debate on the WSIS outcomes, and it will be accompanied by the report of the Chair which then has the summary of these discussions.

You have the floor, please.

>> IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Sorry to take the floor again. But I think I need to clear myself that if we are going to transmit it, so it should be mentioned that it is the report prepared by the secretariat. The thing should be mentioned that it doesn't have the endorsement, one, because when you are sending this report as one of the inputs -- and this mandate has been given to the Commission, not to the secretariat. If it is going to be sent as an input, we need to have our comments in the report. Otherwise, it's not acceptable at least to my delegation to have such a report as an input. Otherwise, our comments to be included. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair. Like the previous speaker, we think this very valuable report is an input from the secretariat drawn up under the secretariat's responsibility and can be submitted as an input from the secretariat. But important statements and clarifications have been made from delegations providing a lot of new ideas as well. And I think that's the discussion that ECOSOC was expecting from this Commission, and that's taken place among member States.

And so that discussion should also be submitted as the outcome of this meeting alongside the input from the secretariat. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Brazil.

>>BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair. And I don't see in substance a lot of difference among the positions that are voiced here. And that's why in my previous intervention I tried to differentiate the report that is expected from the Commission from the report that was prepared by the secretariat. And I think the input that we were tasked to produce is the report of the Commission. This is the input. And this is why I suggested that our input, which is the report of the Commission, should have in it an annex to it the report from the secretariat. There is an informative document. I think that would reconcile maybe the position.

I concur, the mandate was given to the Commission to prepare a report. So the discussions we heard in the context of this meeting should be conveyed to the preparatory process as an input. But I think in substance, as you said, it is not a question to reopen the text that was prepared by the secretariat. And it is relevant that this text will also be conveyed. So I think it should go as an annex to the report of the Commission. Thank you.

(No audio.)

>>CHAIR: Apologies for that short break. I would like to give the floor to Canada. And after Canada make their own intervention, if there is no other intervention, I would propose that we have a 30-minute break for us to just consider the different statements and then come back, resume another session to incorporate all what we've heard in terms of what we will transmit to General Assembly through ECOSOC.

So, Canada, you have the floor.

>>CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

And as this is the first time I take the floor, allow me to offer my congratulations to you and offer a warm welcome and greetings to everyone here today.

With respect to the comments that have been made just now about the CSTD ten-year review, I've listened carefully to all that's been said here.

But I am a little concerned that some of the tenor of the comments suggest that this report would be just treated as any other input, and I think that does a disservice to those people who put so much work into this report.

It was a long time in the making. Inputs were sought from a lot of different places including from all member States on several occasions. And, of course, great efforts were made to reflect all of those different views.

Now, as has been said in the different interventions in the plenary, I don't think that it is the case that everyone has found absolutely everything that they desire in that report. Certainly speaking for Canada, there are some parts in there that we cannot be in perfect agreement with.

Nevertheless, it is our view that this is a very important contribution, not an ordinary contribution, and that the importance and the special nature of it should be reflected in how we refer to it. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

>>CHAIR: United Kingdom.

>>UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, Chair. We would like to support the approach you have set out. And we have been rather surprised to hear some of the comments suggesting that stakeholders' views or stakeholders' comments have not been included in the report. This report has gone through a very long process of development. Many, many stakeholders have contributed to the report in different submissions. We had a long discussion at our intersessional meeting on this report where many members of CSTD and others made comments. There was a period for written comments after that.

And we have heard many delegates here today noting that their comments have been included in the report and thanking the secretariat for that.

And we now have a new draft of the report which reflects that long and evolved process in which many stakeholders contributed. So we think it's not the case that the stakeholders' views and the views of the CSTD have not been taken into account.

We think this report gives a very balanced picture of the views that have been expressed through that process. And for that reason, we would support the proposal that you made for taking this work forward and for responding to our mandate. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Mexico.

>>MEXICO: Thank you, Madam Chair. And my delegation would like to support delegations who have supported the view in the process that you proposed and transmit the report as an important input to the discussions at the General Assembly through ECOSOC.

And like United Kingdom, we think that the report includes many of the elements and inputs from our countries. And my delegation pointed out that this morning.

And so it was the report compiled by the secretariat but on the basis of inputs that came from countries. And we've been very happy with the process that you propose, Chair. So we support your proposal.

>>CHAIR: Austria, you have the floor.

>> AUSTRIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. To keep it brief, I would like to fully subscribe to what the dear colleagues from the U.K., Canada, and Mexico just said. Thank you.

>> JAPAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to direct and also echo the comments by the United States, Canada, U.K. and also Austria. Japan supports the comments that CSTD should submit this report as it stands via ECOSOC to the General Assembly.

Also Japan is not -- Japan -- Japan doesn't support all of the (indiscernible) in this report. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

Brazil, you have the floor, again.

>>BRAZIL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Just for clarification, my point and my comments are aimed to ensure that what we do here is consistent with the mandate we're given. As I look into the text of the resolution that was adopted by the GA that gave us the mandate to prepare a final report -- and I refer to the last preamble paragraph of resolution 68/302, together with operative paragraph 5 -- it remains clear that the Commission was tasked to prepare a report to be considered by the preparatory process.

I think the issue we are discussing is how to -- by conveying this -- the report that was prepared by the secretariat -- and my delegation fully supports that it should be submitted to the preparatory process.

It is an impressive document, very well-crafted, very synthetic but very rich, very comprehensive. We think it would be very important that the preparatory process should consider the document.

However, we consider this should not be equated to the report of the Commission. And I think then the basic way is how to find a way to be consistent with the mandate we've been given, at the same time conveying this.

And I also refer to the text of the report itself. Colleagues can refer to chapter 1. Second paragraph on chapter 1 says, and I quote, "This report on the implementation of WSIS outcomes has been prepared by the secretariat of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development. Its purpose is to assist the Commission in considering the review of WSIS outcomes, which it has been requested to make through the ECOSOC to the General Assembly."

So the text itself of the report says that the Commission should consider the report and then prepare its submission.

So I think what we are trying, and I think to be consistent, to do is to have a report of the Commission summarizing our discussions. If there is any consensus emerging, this should be conveyed to the preparatory process. Otherwise, I think the Commission is to transmit its report on its discussion, and it's very important to attach as an annex the full report prepared by the secretariat as a very important piece of information for the preparatory process.

So, again, the only concern is not to diminish the importance of the report prepared by the secretariat. It is just to be consistent with the mandate we're given.

And we trust you, Madam Chair, that as you have proposed, that during this 30-minute break, we will be able to find a formulation for that. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: EU

>> EUROPEAN UNION: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

We would like to endorse your proposal as well. We think as we said yesterday that this is an excellent report. Not everyone endorses everything that's in the report. But it's clearly been prepared with a lot of quality. A lot of work has gone into it. All the stakeholders have been consulted and have had the opportunity to contribute. It doesn't mean that everyone agrees with every word that's in the report.

On the other hand, we all think, I think, that it is a very substantial and high-quality piece of work. And the European Union and its member States have said a number of times that they endorse it as a contribution to the process going forward.

So we would encourage the consideration that you have proposed, and we would endorse that. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Latvia, you have the floor.

>>LATVIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. This is to add our support to the number of countries, namely, United States, U.K., Canada, Austria, Japan, and European Union. We thank you for your proposal. We certainly can go along with your approach.

We just want to remind our colleagues that the Commission is expected to deliver its findings. And do you really consider that all we can deliver is just a summary of two days' discussions?

So we would like, once again, to ask our colleagues to reconsider the value and the importance of this report. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Sweden?

>>SWEDEN: Thank you. We believe it's a comprehensive and balanced report taking into account the view of many stakeholders. So we would like to add our support to the proposal by the secretariat and echo what has been expressed by our colleagues from Canada, U.K., Mexico, EU, and Latvia. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

The U.S., you have -- Yes? U.S., you have the floor.

>>UNITED STATES: Thank you. I think that -- we are in agreement with Brazil that there's not really that much difference in terms of substance here.

There will clearly be a report from the Chair to ECOSOC regarding this meeting as well as a summary of what's been said here. That is standard operating procedure, if I understand correctly.

In terms of the transmission of the report, I think I would just reiterate what the Chair wrote in the forward to the report, that this report provides an excellent basis for the CSTD's review which, in turn, will contribute to the overall review by the General Assembly.

This report is a basis for that review. It was the basis for the conversation that we had yesterday, and it should be the basis for the continued conversation that we have going forward. And that can be done through a transmittal of the report to ECOSOC.

>>CHAIR: Thank you very much. We have taken those comments. I would like to ask again that we take a 30-minute -- a 30-minute break. We will then come back at 5:00 and just provide the appropriate clarification and also the modality that which we'll transmit this report.

Iran?

>>IRAN: Madam Chairperson, I will be very brief. I just wanted to say that it could be a good basis for the work of the General Assembly if the shortcomings which has been mentioned by the member States of the CSTD since yesterday and today be included. Then it can be acceptable by at least my delegation. That could be a good basis.

But without those shortcomings, we don't believe it is a good basis because some of the most important or key elements this report lacks. And we need to see them in the report, at least in your report to the ECOSOC -- to the General Assembly through ECOSOC. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Okay. Let me just -- so I'd like us to take a break, a 30-minute break. And we will reconvene at 5:00 to finalize this. Thank you very much.

[Break]

>>CHAIR: Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to call for the resumption of the fourth session. I thank you again for all your comments and interventions.

And I would like to suggest the following as the way -- as a way forward. The ten-year review of implementing WSIS outcomes prepared by UNCTAD will be transmitted through the ECOSOC to the General Assembly as an input to the debate on the overall review of WSIS.

As is the normal practice, there will be a report of this 18th session of the Commission. And it will include a summary of the substantive discussion of the ten-year review held over the last two days.

In addition, the inputs of member States and delegates will be posted on the Web site of the Commission. And we ask member States who have not already submitted their inputs to do so, so that we can post them onto the Web site. That is the proposal for taking this substantive discussion forward.

Iran, you have the floor.

>>IRAN: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I am seeking a point of clarification.

What is the benefit of putting our comments on the Web site? We need our comments to be considered by the General Assembly under discussion -- in the discussion of the WSIS, not to be on the Web site. That's -- that's the issue. That's very important for us, that our comments to be included in the report without any deletion.

I agree with the Brazilian Ambassador that we need a complete report of what has been said in the WSIS report according to the UNGA resolution and the report prepared by the secretariat as the annex of that report, as an input without any evaluation that it is a good basis or bad basis. We leave it to the General Assembly to decide on that. We cannot prejudge any report.

Therefore, we need to have our comments totally in the report of the CSTD as the main report to UNGA and the report prepared by secretariat as an annex. That's what I made also clear in my previous statement. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: United States, you have the floor.

>>UNITED STATES: If I understand the Chair's proposal correctly, the Chair would have a summary of conversations that would act as the Chair's report to -- for further consideration along with an annex which would include the review which would also be considered.

Our colleague from Iran wants to ensure that his -- his points of view and everyone's points of view here are considered in full. If it's possible to include a transcript of the two days' proceedings here as a second annex so you have a summary, the review, and the transcript of deliberations, I think that would meet our colleague from Iran's concerns. But I lay that on the table as an addendum to your proposal.

>>CHAIR: Okay. I'd like to call on the secretariat to make some comments on that.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Having listened carefully to the comments, I would like to make some remarks on the procedural side so that we -- as the secretariat sees it at this point of time.

The Commission as subsidiaries of the ECOSOC do not put reports together. They put together resolutions. What you have done today, you have had a general substantive discussion putting views of each member State on the ten-year review report, which is the UNCTAD report.

And the draft -- the resolution of the ECOSOC 2014/27 has asked for the substantive discussion, which you have accomplished. You have done the ten-year review of the issues. There are diverse views.

The report of UNCTAD has certain provisions which some -- welcome some -- welcome less or not. But you have done the review. And you are supposed to -- as a Commission, to report. So you are reporting. You will be reporting.

To report -- you have not been asked as in other instances that request the Secretary-General to submit a report. You are to report on your substantive discussion of the ten-year review report. So you have expressed your views. And they are being reported in a way as we see. You will have some summary of the Chair, of the discussion, as Madam Chair said. And you in the resolution that this Commission drafts in the name of the Council on WSIS follow-up, in that resolution, you are at the same time thinking as an expert body in the name of the Council. And Council will adopt this resolution.

So you will be there reflecting from the Council's point of view on the substantive discussion on the report -- ten-year review report that is before you and you will as a Council transmit the ten-year review report to the GA when the GA reviews this throughout.

So as I see the process, you have done what the request was before you in the ECOSOC resolution, which is the operative paragraph. The 68/302 is the preamble paragraph, which the GA noted -- is noting.

So I think -- I think the diverse views will go on as input. There are two co-chairs to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly in June. And this, what you're doing, you're reporting. Your diverse views will be before that group which will culminate into a proposal in December to adopt a document as mentioned in that resolution of the GA.

So I don't see any contradiction. I think there are so many diverse views that what has been requested with all respect to make an itinerary of all these views on paper, that's not -- as we see the intention of

the ECOSOC resolution was that you do the substantive discussion of the ten-year review report. And you then through the Council to the GA, you have been asked to report thereon. That's how I see the process.

And the views of the member States will continue to be before the working group in the GA as of June going into December. There are many inputs, as have been said, by the ITU, by UNESCO, this report -- ten-year review report which is before us. We will have the CSTD 18 report which will reflect the diverse views.

I think you have done what has been requested of you through what you went through in a substantive discussion. You have reviewed the ten-year review report, and you are reporting through the Council to the GA.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you. I just wanted to reiterate again what the secretariat has said. And that is to say that in the report of the 18th session, the various -- in preparing the summary of this substantive discussion, the various diverse views that were expressed by different member States will be reflected in that summary.

The reason that we have asked for specific inputs or statements that were made or read on the floor to be given to us is so that we have some kind of record of the specific statements that were made by the different member States. And those will be posted on the Web site for further -- for further reflection or anybody who wants to go and look at it. That's what we're proposing.

Bolivia and then Iran.

Bolivia.

>> BOLIVIA: Thank you, Madam Chair, for this proposal. I think we are getting closer to a solution now. And what's important for us as some previous speakers have also said is that this summary is going to be very useful for our colleagues in ECOSOC. But it could be good for them to officially receive the complete proposals and recommendations that have been made in this room that reflect the substantive discussion that has taken place, as the secretariat mentioned.

We would prefer to have had a discussion going issue by issue and then coming to a joint conclusion. But that would have probably been the ideal situation, going through theme by theme and then reaching a conclusion. But if we don't have time for that, that hasn't been possible.

We think that all of our contributions should be included in the report. And this report that's been drawn up by the secretariat, which is extremely comprehensive, more than 200 pages worth of information, if we could also contribute with our contributions, I'm sure we're not going to -- we're not going to be any more comprehensive. I don't think it will be a problem to include that, too. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

Iran.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. And thanks to the secretariat for the explanation.

Sorry to say that, but unlike -- I have different reading of the resolution. It says that the 18th session of the CSTD should submit its report, not to discuss UNGA report. It says to submit its report on the WSIS. Therefore, that's different from what the secretariat said.

But, Madam Chairperson, in summarizing, we may miss some important elements. This is why we ask to have a complete record of what has been said on the floor in regard to the report prepared by the secretariat. That's very important for us because summarizing is not going to be complete as said on the floor by the member States. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: U.S.

>>UNITED STATES: Thank you. I'd like to make one more attempt at trying to help thread the needle here. If I understand correctly, we are agreed that the review will be transmitted to ECOSOC.

The question then becomes: Are our opinions on that review accurately reflected to ECOSOC and then on to the General Assembly? Our colleague from Iran believes that the only way to do that accurately is to include word for word everyone's thoughts.

If -- the report itself, the review, has an annex titled "Contributions to the Open Consultation for the CSTD Review." Could it have a second annex that is simply the transcript of the conversations we've had for the last two days? You would transmit the summary and transmit this report with a second annex that has the transcript of everything that was said so that everyone's views will be communicated, which is already part of the public record anyway.

>>CHAIR: Thank you very much, U.S. I think I'll ask the secretariat to answer again with regards to the process.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair. With regard to annexing text to the reports of the subsidiaries, it is a matter of mandate. The transcript, first of all, has not been requested per se. It's a costly proposition also because it would need to be translated into six languages.

So I -- the reports of the subsidiaries have to contain the procedural reflections of what happened and then draft resolutions or decisions and the provision agenda for the next session.

These two reports -- the view of the delegations now I hear is to annex transcript. We -- I would not succeed to put that to the report. There is no mandate to annex the complete transcript of every statement.

You have done the general discussion of the item. This is done in every Commission under the substantive item. These general discussions are not summarized in a sense that secretariat should be doing.

Now, is the Commission going to summarize its own general discussion or make a report of it? I also don't see that really coming.

The diverse views of every member State on the issue is for that purpose of the general discussion. Now, you have done your review. You keep your diverse views, and you are reporting on that substantive discussion to -- through the Council to the GA. So I see the 2014/27 in that view.

You had ten-year review report. You have discussed itself substantively. Now you are reporting through the Council to the GA. And your views are carried there. As member States, you will be also in the Council, in the GA, in that process.

So I -- with all respect, how do you want the secretariat to do the report on the general discussion? I think you have done it, and you are reporting on it to the GA. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Iran and then Canada.

Iran.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I have a simple question. The report now we have on the screen, is it to be in English only or in six languages? 244 pages report which is going to be sent to the UNGA. Thank you.

(No audio).

>> Sound off, please. Could you turn off the -- (No audio.)

>>CHAIR: I will give the floor to the secretariat to respond to the delegate from Iran.

>>SECRETARIAT: Yes. As I mentioned already this morning, the report is currently only available in English. And we hope to be able to translate that into other languages. But that's not a certainty. That will depend on the funding. I do hope that we'll get it in two languages, though, at least.

But in 2011, a resolution adopted refers to the midterm review. And that wasn't translated into all of the UN languages. So that's the information I can provide you with.

And I'm currently looking for the resolution 2011 which said implementing the midterm review submitted by the Commission.

So in 2011, that was already referred to even though the text wasn't translated into the six UN languages.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Canada, you have the floor.

>>CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I take the floor to offer support to you and to the secretariat in the course of action that you have suggested with respect to the issue of ensuring that all national views are heard.

We take a great deal of comfort from the resolution -- the modalities resolution which says that among other relevant inputs, submissions from members and observer States will be taken into account. So it seems to us that this is an issue which is already well-covered. So I'm not sure why we would need to cover it in all different places. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Iran.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson and the secretariat for the explanation.

Madam Chairperson, by thanking the distinguished delegation of the United States, I would like to support their proposal on having another annex to the brief report the CSTD is going to send to UNGA through the ECOSOC. But we can have the same treatment as we are going to have on the same report.

If there is the financial support, then can we translate it in the other languages? Otherwise, can be kept in one language as what we are going to deal with, with the report, I mean. So in both cases, we -- we can have translation or not at the same time.

Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Let me just again provide some more clarification.

I chose the words very carefully. The report of the 18th session is not going to summarize the statements. There's quite a difference. It will reflect what was discussed in the general substantive discussion. It will include the various diverse views that were made during the general substantive discussion. It will not be a transcript or verbatim as has been suggested, but it will reflect there were diverse view amongst the member States and where it is important that we say what those views were, we will try and reflect that in the report. That's what the report of the 18th session will have.

That report will be in, I believe, the six languages.

>> Yes.

>>CHAIR: It will be in the six languages when it is transmitted to ECOSOC through the General Assembly. So that is the proposal. That report will include a very good reflection of what was discussed in terms of the ten-year review over the last two days, in addition to the review also being transmitted as an input into the debate of the WSIS outcomes going forward.

Just to again reiterate the fact that when this review was being done, a lot of input was received or input was requested and received from member States. We discussed this review at length in the intersessional panel in November. After the intersessional panel in November, we still requested for additional inputs. We extended the deadline on the request of a number of member States.

And so, therefore, we believe that the views of the majority of member States or member States have been reflected in this review.

This discussion was very important because it was looking at the full and final review that was done by UNCTAD. We will definitely reflect the fact that there have been various views that were stated in the intervention of the different member States. That would be reflected in the report of the 18th session. Thank you.

(No audio.)

>> Bolivia: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to seek clarification. As the secretariat has said then, this report will be translated and all of the comments will be translated as well. And for everything to be included, we could also submit our comments to the secretariat even in English so they could be reflected fully. And then your summary, which I'm sure is going to be very, very useful would include that.

And I just wanted to clarify this is very valuable input, the UNCTAD report, I mean. As you said, it did incorporate suggestions and comments from a range of stakeholders. But at the same time, we have had another opportunity in this meeting to provide further input. So that's why I think it's important that the input we provided here are reflected fully in the report so that we have not only the UNCTAD report but also the very valuable comments that were made during this meeting. So that's why I'm stressing that I can actually submit those in writing in full and they can be incorporated so the secretariat's report can also be submitted as the secretariat's input for this review process. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Iran, you have the floor.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. First, I need the email address to send my comments today I made to the secretariat to be included. That's one thing.

The second point, just I wanted to be sure that the comments we made during the intersessional and the comments we made today will be included in that annex. If that's the case, I would like to know about it. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: We would welcome you submitting your intervention at the substantive discussion. What I failed to mention, I apologize, was while we will reflect -- we will provide a summary of the general substantive discussion in the report of the 18th session, we will also make reference to the Web site where these specific inputs will be posted. And they are already posted -- for the member States that have already sent inputs, those inputs are already on the Web site. And for these -- for additional inputs, they will be posted on the Web site so that the full transcript and the full verbatim -- sorry, the statements that you read will be on the Web site and they will be reflected in the summary of the general substantive discussion in the report of the 18th session of the Commission.

Iran.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Sorry to take the floor again. Just wanted to be clear. Therefore, the proposal made by the U.S. delegation and supported by Iran is not accepted to have

another annex which included the transcript of what we have said during yesterday and today substantive discussion on the same issue. I want to be clear on that because we believe that we need those ones as well because to be on the Web site, it's not -- I don't think it's a good way to deal with what has been said by the colleagues in the room. And the summary will also not complete, you know, concerns we made.

Therefore, we believe that the U.S. proposal is a good way out to have only the discussions we had during today and yesterday as an annex to the report of the CSTD which is a brief of what has been said on the issue. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Saudi Arabia, you have the floor.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Madam. I should like to start by saying that we agree with you with regards to the report of the 18th session of the Commission. Having said that, having listened to what you have said with regards to the contents of the report, we are of the opinion that it is important to reflect all points of view expressed by delegates at today's meeting. They should be reflected in an annex to the secretariat's report on the evaluation of progress made in implementation and follow-up to the World Summit.

And I should also like having listened in particular to what the secretariat has said, I would also like to add that we get the impression that the secretariat's report has taken all points of view into account in a transparent and balanced fashion.

And I would like to underline that having listened to the secretariat's statement that the secretariat's report has covered all points of view in a transparent and balanced way.

This is something which we disagree with, and we said so in our statement this morning, which is why we feel it is extremely important that all statements should feature in an annex to the Commission's report. Thank you, Madam.

>>CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much. If I can just -- we are noting that a number of member States are asking that we include transcripts of the general substantive discussion.

While we will still have the -- we will reflect this general substantive discussion in the 18th session of the report, what I'm hearing now is that we actually want a transcript of the last one and a half days attached as an annex to the 18th session.

I think it is important to reiterate that what we have been asked to do is to report on this general substantive discussion. The transcript that we will -- if we agree to do that, we will provide, will be exactly the same as the inputs that have been submitted and that will be posted on the Web site and will be referenced in the report as well.

But I think at this point -- because this is -- it is part of a procedural issue whether we are able to submit a transcript of discussions to ECOSOC for transmission to the General Assembly. And for this I will ask for the advice of the secretariat.

You have the floor.

>>SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Madam Chair, I wish to make it clear that there will be no annex with a transcript to the report. It's a non-starter. We cannot -- we are under strict obligations from the Fifth Committee and the rules that govern the documentation, the Functional Commissions, including the report, the executive summary in the front -- the chapter that contains the proposals for action by the Commission, by the Council, and other decisions of proposals plus reflection of what transpired in a technical reflection. You know the format of the report.

The transcription -- there is no mandate really to transcript the statements. And let me also respond to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia one comment. You have a ten-year review report. You will have a CSTD 18th report.

If you have a Secretary-General's report, which has been requested by the body, and you have a general discussion of that item to which this SG's report has been produced, many delegations do not like what's all in the report, I have to be honest. Oftentimes there are differing views on what's in the report.

Then you have a general discussion which reflects the diverse views. And then the outcome of the process is in the format of a draft proposal resolution or decision, which reflects the way forward. This is a general structure of how the substantive -- I mean, how the subsidiaries, the Functional Commissions of the ECOSOC, work.

The transcription is literally tantamount to a verbatim record, which is only possible for the General Assembly plenary and Security Council plenary. Now some subsidiaries, like the First Committee on Peace and Security and Disarmament, has this provision which is extremely costly.

So the Functional Commission, in this case the CSTD, will follow the format as before. And I would like you to understand that I have to present this position of the secretariat which is a follow-up to the Fifth Committee and other -- the rules on documentation.

The way out would be as Madam Chair has mentioned, for the transcript to be posted on the UNCTAD Web site and referenced in the summary of the report of the Commission on the 18th session which will reflect the views, not specific views of the countries.

The general discussion, there's no objective to summarize, to reflect literally the general discussion and put it as a report of the Commission, which would serve -- well, I think I stop here, Madam Chair. And I will be happy to answer other questions. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

Iran, you have the floor.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Sorry to take the floor again. But with all respect, how we can accept a report which is not prepared by us which lacks key elements in our view is acceptable to us to be sent to UNGA as an annex to the report but not our concerns which has been made during last two days not to be sent to the UNGA, how come it's possible? How come we can accept that?

If we are going to send a summary, it's okay. Let's send a summary without this report, without the transcript of what has been said during the last two days. It is acceptable to Iran.

But this report is not complete in Iran's view. So it will be completed if we have our comments on that, together to be sent to UNGA. Therefore, just to have both or none. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Australia, you have the floor.

>>AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. We just wanted to -- to voice our support for the Chair's proposal. We actually think coupling a sort of high-level reflection of the discussion over the last two days with an explicit reference to a Web site where member States can launch their specific views is a very sensible way forward. Given that the secretariat has stated that it's not possible to annex a transcript, this represents a good compromised path in our view. And member States who feel very strongly and wish their exact views on the review can then provide those to the Web site. It allows you to very clearly state what your views are. And on that basis, we support it.

And we also note that we will, as member States of UNGA, have an opportunity to present our views directly to the UNGA review in New York. So we need to just keep that in mind when we're talking about this. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

I just want to make another clarification, and that is to say that the report of the 18th session is not an annex to the ten-year review. The report of the 18th session is going as a substantive input to the General Assembly through ECOSOC. So it is not an annex to this review at all.

So there will be two -- two documents that will be submitted, just to reiterate again. The ten-year review will go on its own transmitted to UNGA through the ECOSOC. Given that we cannot submit transcripts or verbatim minutes of this meeting, what we're proposing is that we have a reflection of the various interventions, the debate that has gone on over the last two days. But to ensure that we reflect or we make available what specific member States have said or have intervened, we will post those interventions on the Web site. And they will be -- they will be referenced quite specifically in the report of the 18th session. And those -- what is submitted can actually be a verbatim or a transcript. That's another option as well, that there be specifically reference in the report.

U.S., please.

>>UNITED STATES: Thank you. And, again, having heard the secretariat and the Chair, I understand now that a transcript included in the document itself would set a poor precedent and have procedural considerations.

We trust that the Chair will accurately present in a review the various viewpoints expressed, including the viewpoints of our colleagues who feel that the review itself is incomplete.

We would say that while we believe the review is comprehensive and thorough and fair, we, too, think that there are things that we would want to add to it. And at the UNGA in New York, we'll make those arguments. We welcome our colleagues to do the same.

The additional consideration on your part to attach to that summary of viewpoints a Web link or a Web site where the transcript itself is made available as a public record, I think, is a just outcome.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

Iran?

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. If I got it right, the report which has been prepared by the secretariat is not going to be sent to the UNGA through ECOSOC as an annex or with the report of the 18th session of CSTD.

So how come we are going to send it to UNGA as an input? There should be a kind of cover letter or something should be sent. Therefore -- because as I can see on the first page, on the cover, it says that it is from the CSTD.

Therefore, I want to know how you are going to send this report to the UNGA. The way we are going to send, we can use for sending the transcript because if it is an input, those transcripts could be as an input as well because these two will complete what we are looking for. One without the other, it's not a complete report to the UNGA. It's not a complete input. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Just a point of correction, information, before I call the secretariat. the actual report, if you've got a copy of it, does not say "CSTD." It actually says "UNCTAD." And it is a review. It is a ten-year review. So I'm not quite sure I followed that.

So the report actually says it's an UNCTAD -- it's an UNCTAD review on WSIS.

Secretariat, please, you have the floor.

>>SECRETARIAT: Thank you, Madam Chair. To respond briefly to the question of the distinguished representative of Iran, the Commission as we all know has two major resolutions before it to complete and negotiate. In the WSIS resolution, as we know it is the Council, in the name of the Council.

The resolution of the ECOSOC 2014/27 has asked to report thereon through the Council to the GA. So in the Council resolution which you will be drafting, I assume that you may wish to simply mention this ten-year review report as a major input. You don't need to endorse it. You can welcome it. You can take note of it. That's all because I believe you all have expressed your appreciation for this input.

So it will be simply mentioned in that resolution. And by that, the Council decides to transmit it for -- to UNGA for its review. And this is one part of many inputs including your comments today which will be referenced in the report of the Commission, its 18th session, reference to the Web site.

So I believe the -- as we see it in the secretariat, there is a rich input for the GA leading to the December meeting of the WSIS review. So that's how this is going to be transmitted or brought to the attention of the Council -- of the GA. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Canada?

>>CANADA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

We've been listening carefully to all of the discussions that have taken place. I think we're beginning to get a good understanding of what is possible and what is not given the various constraints that are on how we report and the modalities. I think that what you have spelled out is -- seems to be the best possible compromise.

I think that it's clear that while not everyone agrees with the conclusions of the report, Canada does not agree with all of the conclusions, we recognize it presents a balanced view of progress achieved. And, therefore, we definitely want to see that go forward.

We also believe, of course, that it is necessary that the views of member States, observer States, other participants and stakeholders all be reflected. And, therefore, we, as I said earlier, take a great deal of comfort from the fact that the modalities resolution of the General Assembly makes clear that those inputs will be sought.

So we believe that our national interests will be covered. We will have an opportunity to make our national views heard in this process. And, therefore, we are satisfied by what has been outlined by the Chair. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Iran.

>>IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. As I can see, the preface of this report has been signed by you as the Chair of the CSTD. That's a very important point. It is -- it is signed by you as the Chair of CSTD. So it has lots of meaning. It's not an UNCTAD report.

As I heard from the secretariat, is going to be sent as a major input. While we don't believe it is a major input, it has good points. No doubt about it. It is a good report. But there are shortcomings in that as well.

We need the good reflection of those shortcomings. We need that both sides' concerns to be on the table for UNGA, not a summary of one part and a complete report of 244 pages of the other side.

The concerns of the developing countries is not very well reflected in this report as I mentioned in the morning in my statement. That's very important for us. I hope it is going to be considered by the CSTD Chair. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Before I call on Saudi Arabia, I know you got your -- let me just also make a point of clarification. Yes, the report has been signed by the Chair of the Commission. But I think if you look at the wording of the preface, it does specifically say that this report has been prepared by the CSTD secretariat, which is UNCTAD, in order to assist the Commission in the crucial task of reviewing -- of the ten-year review.

It also says that this report is a basis for the CSTD review. So the documents are going -- there are two separate documents. This is not -- the fact that it's signed by the Chair is not an endorsement of this by the Commission. It is just to say that this was prepared to support us in the substantive discussion that we have had today. Thank you.

Saudi Arabia.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Just by going back to the original request coming from ECOSOC and its resolution, paragraph 48, it requests the Commission to submit the results of its ten-year review of progress made in the implementation. And the report developed by the secretariat is not the complete results of its ten-year review and the progress made in the implementation of WSIS.

The complete results includes the discussion that took place in this session and in previous sessions with respect to the comment raised in this report.

If we are going to transmit the report without the comments, we request the full transcript of the interventions made. Maybe the way forward in the report of the 18th session as you stated, it will reflect the discussion that took place and there will be a reference to the transcripts and the Web site. So in a balanced way, there should be also a link to the report in the -- report of the 18th session only without transmitting anything. So the report of the 18th session of the CSTD will include the reflection of the discussion along with a link to this secretariat report and a link to the interventions made by the member States and other observers in this session. Thank you, Madam Chair.

>>CHAIR: United Kingdom.

>>UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, Chair. We also have been listening with interest to this discussion and worried that we are getting now into the detail of procedural issues and getting away from the important real issues that we have spent a lot of time discussing so far in our meeting.

Madam Chair, as we said, we support the report put forward by the secretariat. We think it provides a balanced picture, and it is a helpful input along with the other inputs that there will be to the UNGA resolution.

We heard many, many countries in our discussions say that they endorsed this report. Of course, we are not being asked to endorse everything and every view set out in the report. It's not a question of endorsing all the views here. The report provides a balanced picture and is intended to be an input to the review. We agree that we do need to ensure that all views are represented and all colleagues have an opportunity to make their views clear. But we understand very clearly the point made by the

secretariat. And we are grateful for their guidance that we do not have the mandate to send a full transcript attached to this report. That's not what we were asked to do.

So we would simply like to support your suggestion, Chair, that we want to make sure that all the views expressed are available and that by including a Web link in the summary of this session which clearly shows where that transcript can be found on the Web site is a very practical way forward. It would make sure that everyone can see what the discussion was. All the views expressed in detail will be publicly available. And we think that given the mandate that we have and the task we've been asked to do, that's a very sensible and practical way forward and we support your suggestion. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. Unfortunately we're going to lose the translation in a couple of minutes, if we haven't lost it already. Let me just try -- oh, Turkey. I'm sorry, Turkey.

>>TURKEY: Thank you, Madam Chair. For our delegation, the report on 18th session which includes and reflects all the views shared in the last two days here with references to the Web site will be a just outcome. I just want to say this. And we support your offer.

>>CHAIR: Thank you.

Cuba?

>>CUBA: Can I speak in English if we are losing -- well, we wanted to say that it's quite clear that there is no consensus among members of the Commission as to the long report.

It's quite clear that we've been discussing for a long time now, and that means that there is no consensus among members and observers that the lengthy report should be considered a report of the Commission as such.

However, others consider that it's a very important and valuable report. And actually we share that view. But it's not to that this very large and lengthy report actually reflects all of the views that have been expressed here as well in this meeting which can be added and complement the report.

And as the secretariat, Mr. Gustafik (phonetic) said, there is a word limit for reports sent to ECOSOC by substituting bodies of ECOSOC. And I have taken part in a number of different meetings of bodies of ECOSOC. And it's true what the secretariat is saying.

So I think having said that, we need to find a solution in particular because this is a very important year in which we would like all views and opinions to be reflected and taken into account in a very democratic and inclusive fashion for the preparatory process that, as you have said, is going to lead to an important preparatory meeting, a High-Level Meeting, in June.

And last year the Secretary-General's report was submitted to ECOSOC and that's part of the secretariat's report committed to the CSTD is an ECOSOC document.

Mr. Gustafik, correct me if I'm wrong.

We have two reports: The Secretary-General's report on WSIS and the follow-up to, WSIS which is a very short report, and then the very long report on the same issue.

We have the resolution for the follow-up to the Summit. And in this resolution, we can take note or take note with appreciation, welcome those two documents. But it's true that we also need to take into account everything that's been said by all countries on an equal footing.

So I think the Chair's idea is a very good one, in that we could have a summary and there could be a factual or single or two-page summary saying that a number of different views were expressed. And that could be annexed. And to the summary, you could have the interventions of all delegations annexed to that and delegations could send those to the secretariat.

And then you could also annex to that summary the long report. And all of that could be put on the Web site of the CSTD. This summary will be something new. But I think it's needed because it is such an important year, a summary with the factual summary, the interventions made, not just saying that they express different views and saying what they were saying and welcoming the follow-up to the WSIS and touching upon the challenges that remain and the different achievements that have been made. And then all of the statements could be submitted. You could ask delegations to translate them into English, if possible, to submit them. And then if the secretariat could be flexible in terms of a time limit so that delegations could actually send those in over the next few weeks.

And then on the Web site of the Commission, you could have the summary, the statements made by delegations, and the long report. All of that as a single package, if you'd like.

And then we'd have the resolution in follow-up to the Summit where member States in sovereign fashion will decide how to deal with those reports. And the delegation of Cuba might take note or welcome all of the input that went into the long report. We think that the long report actually lacks some issues of great importance for countries of the South. And the resolution is the official document to be adopted by ECOSOC. And that's the opportunity for member States to actually read all of these reports and take note of the Secretary-General's report which is a very short report.

And we could have an additional paragraph saying that there was a lengthy discussion on this long report that we considered as part of the preparatory process and that statements also made by a number of delegations in respect to that document and taking into account other documents, too.

I think what the delegation of Iran is saying is useful and what Brazil is saying is also useful. But I think what other delegations are saying should be taken into account as well. And what's of concern for us is that this long report shouldn't be seen as the report or the input from the Commission because from June onwards, we're starting this preparatory process which is going to last a number of months where various considerations are going to take place. There's going to be a meeting in Brazil on the Internet Governance Forum where a number of opinions will also be expressed. So we don't think that this long report is a bad one. I'm not saying that. It's a good report.

But it's a document that we don't want to be described as the Commission report. It's a report prepared by the secretariat, very valuable nonetheless. But we could have a package: The summary, this long report, and then all the statements made by delegations annexed to that. All of that could be a package. And then we'd have the resolution where we could take note of the Secretary-General's report on follow-up to the WSIS outcomes and then another paragraph saying member States considered this report. There were lengthy discussions. A number of views were expressed. And we don't have to say that it's your report or report that we all endorse. I think it's better to avoid that. At the end of the day, one's going to read it. Member States are going to have time to read that. Ministries of communications, ministries of foreign affairs, ministries of economy are all going to read this. And it's going to be read. And that's a good thing so that we all can get to grasp all of this information. Thank you.

>> Interpretation services will now be suspended in agreement with the secretariat.

>>CHAIR: I don't know if you heard that, but we have actually lost our translation services. So European Union and then we've got to...

>> EUROPEAN UNION: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

Should I speak in English then, not in Spanish or French or any other -- I can't speak Chinese unfortunately. I wish I could.

Yes, thank you very much. We thought your approach was a very good one as we've said before. And, of course, in the spirit of transparency, openness, the digital Information Society, we would have thought that one way of showing also that the Commission on Science and Technology is open to new and modern technologies and putting the digital technologies available to it at service of everyone here would be to give access to the transcripts, which I presume are on the public record. All the information that has been distributed and presented over the last two days in principle I presume is on the public record. The transcripts are available.

So your approach seemed to make sense. In being effective, logical, and also providing access to all those who wanted their specific contributions made available, that a reference to those could be included somewhere, not the transcript itself but just a reference to where to find it. I don't know if that's a helpful solution. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Thank you. We will have to close, but if -- I will speak in English. And maybe we will have to repeat this tomorrow morning before we start the session. But just to again say that we are not in any way suggesting that this review be endorsed by the Commission. It is just an input into the -- it's an input into the General Assembly to the debate on the WSIS outcome.

We will prepare the Commission's report. That report will have a reflection of the general substantive discussion. That report will try and bring out what the various divergent views were in a format that would not, you know -- that would not be too long.

We will then in that report and in the reflection of this general substantive discussion refer to the Web site where we will then post the transcripts of the various interventions that have been made. So those specific interventions will be reflected in the report via a reference to a Web link or the Web site of the CSTD.

Okay. I think we'll just take that comment, and we'll have to resume because not everybody can understand what is being said now.

>> IRAN: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Thank you for explanation. I'm still waiting to receive my -- I mean, a reply to my question that how this report, the 244 pages report, is going to be sent to UNGA and who is going to do that. How and who is going to send that report? Thank you.

>>SECRETARIAT: Thank you. Madam Chair, briefly, this will be done through the ECOSOC resolution which this Commission will draft on WSIS follow-up in which you use a paragraph whereby the ECOSOC decides to transmit or transmits the ten-year review report to UNGA as one of the -- as one of the inputs or as an input for its own deliberations.

So it's through that process we will be drafting the Council's resolution that we'll note this ten-year review report and decide to transmit it pursuant to resolution 2014/27. So pursuant to this resolution, ECOSOC will do this. And you will draft that resolution, I believe. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: We really can't take any more comments because we've lost translation. So I would like to adjourn the meeting. We will reconvene at 10:00 -- 10:00 tomorrow and, we will continue this discussion and hopefully conclude it tomorrow. Thank you.

And just to remind you that tomorrow at 9:15 we have the discussion on the resolution, at 9:15. And let me just quickly give the floor to the Vice Chair who's going to facilitate that process.

>>HUNGARY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't really want to take your time from your dinner. But I want to announce that tomorrow I'd like to meet you at 9:15 those of you who are interested. And it seems to me there are a lot of you who are interested in the WSIS follow-up resolution. And it seems to me we have already started our work. So I'm looking forward to meeting you. And it will be just a brief meeting about the zero draft and the way forward. Thank you.

>>CHAIR: Mexico.

>>MEXICO: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Also just to announce to colleagues interested in the SIT draft resolution, that we will also have a first reading tomorrow morning 9:15, Room 25. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned.)