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**Draft resolution on “Assessment of the progress made in the implementation
of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information
Society”**

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The United States disassociates from language in paragraph 21 of this resolution that appears to characterize technology ownership as a concern to be addressed, and that seeks to promote technology and knowledge transfer that is not clearly indicated to be voluntary and on mutually agreed terms. For the United States, any such language will have no standing in future negotiations. The United States continues to oppose language that we believe undermines intellectual property rights.