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

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ANSWER OF THE CUBAN EXPERT TO THE QUESTIONS AGREED AT THE 1ST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENHANCED COOPERATION ON PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE INTERNET (WGEC) OF THE UNITED NATION'S COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, HELD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

What are the high level characteristics of “enhanced cooperation”?

From the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society¹, adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society, Tunis Phase, at its Eighth Plenary Meeting, 18 November 2005, paragraphs 35.a) y 68 al 71, the following high level characteristics of “enhanced cooperation” can be derived:

- It is reaffirmed that policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. (para.35.a)
- Is recognized the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders. (para.68)
- Is recognized the need for “enhanced cooperation” in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. (para.69)
- Therefore, the “enhanced cooperation” is a desired state, it is not a process. The process is the way to reach the desired state of “enhanced cooperation”. (para.71)
- The process towards “enhanced cooperation” and the desired state obtained at the end of that process must involve all relevant organizations and stakeholders in their respective roles. (para.71)

¹ Document: WSIS-05/TUNIS/DOC/6(Rev.1)

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

- The outcome of the WGEC must be to achieve the desired state of “enhanced cooperation”.
- The end result should be the establishment of a mechanism that allows:
 - that all governments have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance. (para.68)
 - the development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders. (para.68)
 - governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. (para.69)
 - the development of globally-applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources. (para.70)
- Such a mechanism should not replace any existing organization, but rather be a coordination mechanism that call upon the organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet to contribute to creating an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles. (para.70)
- This mechanism should be an intergovernmental mechanism based on the United Nations and with formal links with other stakeholder’s organizations.

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