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

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1) What are the high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation?

The resolution A/70/125 reaffirmed that Internet governance should continue to follow the provisions set forth in the outcomes of the summits held in Geneva and Tunis, including para 49 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles and paras 35 - 37, 58-60, 69-71 of the Tunis Agenda and there are many cross-cutting international public policy issues that require attention and have not been adequately addressed.

The high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation have been clear defined the Tunis Agenda:

1.1   All governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet.

1.2   Development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders in their respective roles.

1.3   Governments, on an equal footing, shall carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not influence international public policy issues.

1.4   Development of globally-applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources, maintaining global coordination in this area, while ensuring the national interest and rights of countries in that particular region.

1.5   Enhanced cooperation should also include public policy issues such as, inter alia, the infrastructural, content and sustainable developmental aspects pertaining to the use of the Internet, security and safety of Internet as well as ethics in Internet.

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

2.1   Based on the abovementioned high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation WGEC-2 should:

- consider and agreed recommendations on public policy, including globally-applicable principles on issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources, based on:

- the equal role and responsibility of governments for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet;

- roles and responsibilities of governments in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not impact on international public policy issues,
- define what is the subject for enhance cooperation and agree relevant items to be considered;
- recommend where these items should be considered.

2.2   Enhance cooperation could include:

- enhance cooperation between governments on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders;

- enhance cooperation between governments and all others relevant stakeholders on other aspects of Internet governance.

2.3   It is proposed to concentrate efforts of WGEC-2 first of all at the international public policy issues:

- Infrastructural level

- Content level

- Social-economic development

2.4   Relevant international organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet should create an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles.

HLPF, WSIS Forum, IGF could provide necessary platform for regular wide multi-stakeholder discussions.

2.5   Development of public policy by governments shall be with ensuring the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

2.5   States should encourage the leading role of UN organizations in the context of international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and establish conditions, mechanisms and modalities to enable governments on an equal footing to carry out their roles and responsibilities in addressing these issues.