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**Amendments/additional recommendations to document
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WGEC members and Observers to the two guiding questions agreed
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- Recommend a new UN based mechanism/body that enables all governments, on an equal footing, to develop international public policies pertaining to the Internet, and its associated digital phenomenon. (This would be similar to how there is WHO for health, UNESCO for education, FAO for food and agriculture, and so on.)
- This new 'body' will establish appropriate relationships with relevant existing policy bodies inside and outside the UN – in non-technical and technical areas; direct relevant public policy issues to them, receive their inputs and comments, and itself contribute Internet public policy perspectives to issues under their purview.
- It will keep itself abreast of global Internet-related issues; undertaken discussions; develop international norms and public policies; seek appropriate harmonization of national level policies; and, where necessary, facilitate required treaties, conventions and agreements.
- It will have sufficient resources and specialisation to regularly undertake studies and present analyses in different policy areas, especially from a developing countries standpoint.
- It can be modelled on the OECD's Committee on Digital Economy Policy, where decisions are taken in an inter-governmental manner, but with extensive inputs from and discussions with all stakeholders. It has three advisory committees, respectively of civil society, business, and technical community. (OECD, technical community, business, and many civil society groups have all described this to be a multi-stakeholder model of policy development.)
- It will *inter alia* develop "globally-applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources" (para 70 of the Tunis Agenda).
- It will maintain an organic relationship with the IGF, as a primary arena for stakeholder participation in Internet public policy development.