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Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

**Amendments/additional recommendations to document
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WGEC members and Observers to the two guiding questions agreed
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Recommendations proposed by the UK Government

1. Enhanced cooperation processes should follow and promote best practice in **consultation and engagement**, including reaching out proactively to all stakeholders in an informative and easily understandable way.
2. Stakeholders should consider how they can **make information and evidence available** in an open, accessible and timely way in order to support meaningful participation and engagement.
3. Stakeholders should consider how they can **open up their policy-making processes** to input and scrutiny from other stakeholders.
4. Enhanced cooperation processes should support the **participation of stakeholders from developing countries**, taking into account cultural and linguistic diversity and the capacity constraints faced by least developed countries.
5. Enhanced cooperation processes should seek to ensure a **balance of stakeholder representatives** in multi-stakeholder forums.
6. Enhanced cooperation processes should support **sustainable development**, particularly in terms of capacity-building, education and skills, in order to help bridge the digital divide.
7. Enhanced cooperation processes should promote an **enabling environment for investment**, in particular promoting cooperation and partnership between governments, the private sector and other stakeholders that promotes investment in infrastructure and increases affordable connectivity in developing countries.
8. Enhanced cooperation processes should promote an **enabling environment for innovation**, in particular ensuring that the Internet remains an open environment that facilitates innovation and encouraging cooperation between stakeholders to this end.
9. Enhanced cooperation processes should avoid **duplicating existing work** but instead develop existing forums, including building understanding of multi-stakeholder enhanced cooperation processes in the full range of existing international organisations.
10. Stakeholders should consider how best to **build cooperation on emerging topics**, particularly new issues presented by newly emerging technology, in a way which allows all stakeholders to participate.