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Revised recommendations submitted as a follow-up to 4th WGEC meeting

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Dear Benedicto and colleagues:

I just want to bring back for the consideration of the working group, Cuba's earlier contribution.

It is in the CSTD website:

http://unctad.org/meetings/en/Contribution/WGEC2016_m3_c13a_en.pdf

And I am also attaching it to this email for your convenience.

It is a constructive and very succinct contribution of only one page that proposes several variants that could be useful to be considered in the forthcoming negotiations of the report.

I want to reiterate my optimism that the working group will succeed and produce a report that will contain insightful and useful considerations and recommendations about the much needed and still unexisting international framework that will enable governments, on an equal footing to 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 impact on international public policy issues.

Best regards

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Amendments/additional recommendations to document "Compilation of recommendations contained in contributions from WGEC members and Observers to the two guiding questions agreed during the first meeting of the WGEC"

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Contribution of the Cuban expert to the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation on Public Policy Issues Pertaining to the Internet of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development

In relation to public policies in the field of information and telecommunications technologies, it is important to comply with the provisions of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society or "Tunis Agenda", including its paragraph 35 a). This paragraph states that *Policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for international Internet-related public policy issues.*

On that basis, the following is proposed:

1. Create an intergovernmental mechanism to enable governments, on an equal footing, to 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 impact on international public policy issues. The above-mentioned Working Group may suggest this issue as part of a resolution to be adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its next session.

   It is proposed to consider the following variants for the intergovernmental mechanism:

   a) Creation of a new international organization related to the United Nations system.

   b) Creation of a permanent and open working group with a specialized support structure in the United Nations Secretariat.

   c) Establishment of an intergovernmental mechanism in the Internet Governance Forum.

2. To debate every year on the international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, in the General Assembly, as part of the general debate under the agenda item entitled *"Information and communications technologies for development"*, of the heading *"A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences"*.

It is important to reiterate that these proposals are in line with the agreements of the World Summit on the Information Society where the roles of governments and non-state actors were defined with regard to the public policy issues related to the ICT.

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Contribución del Experto de Cuba al Grupo de Trabajo sobre el Fortalecimiento de la Cooperación en Cuestiones de Políticas Públicas relacionadas con Internet de la Comisión de Ciencia y Tecnología para el Desarrollo de las Naciones Unidas.

En relación con las políticas públicas en el dominio de las tecnologías de la información y las telecomunicaciones es importante dar cumplimiento a lo acordado en el Programa de Acción de Túnez para la Sociedad de la Información o "Agenda de Túnez", incluido su párrafo 35 a). Este párrafo señala que *la designación del organismo encargado de las cuestiones de política pública de Internet es el derecho soberano de los Estados y que éstos tienen derechos y responsabilidades en lo que concierne a las cuestiones de política pública que suscita Internet en el plano internacional.*

Sobre esa base, se propone lo siguiente:

1. Crear un mecanismo intergubernamental que permita a los Estados cumplir en igualdad de condiciones su misión y responsabilidades en cuestiones de políticas públicas internacionales relativas a Internet, pero no en los asuntos técnicos y operacionales cotidianos que no repercuten en temas de política pública internacional. El Grupo de Trabajo ya referido puede sugerir esta cuestión como parte de una resolución a adoptar por la Asamblea General de Naciones Unidas en el próximo período de sesiones.

   Se propone considerar las siguientes variantes para el mecanismo intergubernamental:

   a) Creación de una nueva Organización internacional conexa al sistema de las Naciones Unidas.

   b) Creación de un Grupo de trabajo permanente y abierto con una estructura especializada de apoyo en la Secretaría de las Naciones Unidas.

   c) Establecer un mecanismo intergubernamental en el Foro de Gobernanza de Internet.

2. Debatir cada año sobre las políticas públicas internacionales relativas a Internet, en la Asamblea General, como parte del debate oficial bajo el tema de la Agenda titulado *"Las tecnologías de la información y las comunicaciones para el desarrollo"*, del Epígrafe. A: *"Promoción del crecimiento y del desarrollo sostenible de conformidad con las resoluciones pertinentes de la Asamblea General"*.

Cabe reiterar que estas propuestas están en línea con los acuerdos de la Cumbre Mundial de la Sociedad de la Información donde quedaron definidos los roles de los gobiernos y de los actores no estatales en las cuestiones sobre las políticas públicas con relación a las TIC.

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