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Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

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Recommendations proposed by the UK Government¹

1. Enhanced cooperation processes should aim to follow and promote best practice in consultation and engagement, including reaching out proactively to all stakeholders in an informative and easily understandable way, in developing international Internet-related public policy.
2. Stakeholders should consider how they can make factual information available, including data and statistics, in an open, accessible and timely way in order to support meaningful participation and engagement in developing international Internet-related public policy.
3. Bodies involved in the development of international Internet-related public policy should consider how they can open up their policy-making processes to input from all stakeholders in order to promote transparency, inclusiveness and collaboration.
4. The development of international Internet-related public policy should support the participation of stakeholders from developing countries, taking into account language barriers and the capacity constraints faced by least developed countries.
5. Multi-stakeholder forums that are involved in the development of international Internet-related public policy should consider how best to ensure a balance of stakeholder representatives.
6. The development of international Internet-related public policy should aim to support sustainable development and to help bridge the digital divide.
7. The development of international Internet-related public policy should promote investment, including building an enabling environment for private sector investment and fostering cooperation and partnership in order to promote investment in infrastructure and increase affordable connectivity in developing countries.
8. The development of international Internet-related public policy should promote an enabling environment for innovation, including fostering

¹ As amended following the Working Group meeting 25 – 27 September 2017

cooperation to ensure that the Internet remains an open environment that facilitates innovation.

9. The process towards enhanced cooperation should take account of existing work and support existing international forums to consider how they can develop and improve.
10. Stakeholders should consider how best to build cooperation on emerging topics, including issues presented by newly emerging technology, in a way which allows all stakeholders to participate.