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Submission by

International Telecommunication Union

This submission was prepared as an input to the report of the UN Secretary-General on "Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels" (to the 24th session of the CSTD), in response to the request by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2006/46, to the UN Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS as part of his annual reporting to the Commission.

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Subject: **ITU's contribution to the preparation of the annual report on "Progress made in 2020 in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels"**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the letter dated 22 September 2020, inviting the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to contribute to the preparation of the Secretary-General's report which will assess progress made in 2020 in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit.

ITU has the pleasure to submit the following documents to the CSTD as inputs and as official contributions of the ITU:

1. ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes – 2020: https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx
2. WSIS Forum 2020 Outcome Document: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes
3. WSIS Forum 2020 High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes
4. WSIS Forum 2020: WSIS Action Lines - Contributing towards Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes
5. WSIS Stocktaking Report 2020: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes
6. WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2020: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes
7. 6 Regional WSIS Stocktaking Reports 2019-2020: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes
8. WSIS Forum 2020 Photo Contest: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2020/PhotoContest
9. WSIS/SDGs Matrix – WSIS Forum 2020 Outcomes Linking WSIS Action Lines with the Sustainable Development Goals: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes

In addition as part of our COVID-19 response and in close collaboration with the WSIS Stakeholders we initiated the virtual WSIS TalkX in April (https://www.itu.int/go/WSISTalkX) and the WSIS Stocktaking ICT Case Repository: The Coronavirus Response Special Report: (http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes). The aim of these initiatives was to help stakeholders

continue to partner, collaborate and implement projects, policies and measures in these exceptional circumstances highlighting the role of ICTs (WSIS Action Lines).

Following the paperless approach of the United Nations the ITU is limiting the printing of publications. Hereby, I would like to request you to make all above mentioned documents available on the CSTD website as an official submission from the ITU.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

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