

Third Meeting of the CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

(WGEC)

24-28 February 2014

Geneva, Switzerland

Chairman's summary of the meeting

1. The third meeting of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (WGEC) was held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on 24-28 February 2014. It was chaired by Mr. Peter Major (Hungary). Remote participation and a live transcript of the meeting were made available to facilitate participation from stakeholders.

2. The Chair opened the meeting with a presentation that summarized the first and the second meeting of the WGEC and outlined the agenda for the third meeting. The group discussed the way forward, adopted the agenda and agreed to continue the work as suggested by the Chair.

3. At the Chair's invitation, the representatives of the ITU, the secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and the government of Brazil informed the WGEC on the preparations for the upcoming WSIS+10 High Level Event, the Ninth Annual Internet Governance Forum Meeting, and the Global Multi-stakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance.

3. A correspondence group had been created in the second meeting of the WGEC to review international public policy issues pertaining to the internet. Mr. Rushton, co-facilitator of the correspondence group, presented the information that the group had gathered into a spreadsheet over twenty-four broad areas. Following him, Dr. Yokozawa (Japan) presented an analysis of the multi-stakeholder structure in the IGF 2008-2013 discussions. The WGEC later on discussed the presentations.

4. The group had a discussion on its foreseen report which is to be submitted to the Commission on Science and Technology at its seventeenth session. An ad-hoc group was formed to guide the Chair and the group on the structure of the report. Following its deliberations, the ad-hoc group, chaired by Mr. Reddy (India), presented its outcome to the WGEC. The WGEC approved the draft structure of the report with the amendments suggested by the Chair of the WGEC.

5. The WGEC worked on a rolling document which was posted on the WGEC website prior to the meeting. It consolidated the draft recommendations which the Chair and the secretariat had received in response

to the Chair's call for inputs on the 14th of November 2013. The document followed the temporary draft framework proposed by the Chair, grouping the responses to five categories.¹

6. There were two break out groups, convened by Peru and Mexico, which were tasked to separate the draft recommendations from the statement under the categories A and B of the rolling document. The plenary endorsed the work carried out in those break out groups.

7. The WGEC continued to work on the rolling document in plenary, tackling the proposals under categories A and B, as submitted by the two break out groups, as well as categories C and D. Consensus could be formed around certain issues. However, wide divergences of opinion persisted in a number of others. Due to lack of time, part of the proposals under category D and all the proposals under category E were not discussed.

6. The group discussed the way forward and decided that in view of completing its work, it was necessary to hold another meeting before the annual session of the CSTD. The WGEC discussed the Chair's suggestions for possible dates of that meeting and requested the correspondence group to continue its work to that meeting in accordance with its Terms of Reference, as agreed in the second meeting of the WGEC.

¹ A. Implementation of the Tunis Agenda, B. Public policy issues and possible mechanisms, C. Role of stakeholders, D. Developing countries, E. Barriers for participation in enhanced cooperation