



Tunis Phase: PrepCom3
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Our language propositions are in the continuation of the informal proposal we made at the end of GFC7. In a nutshell, it is proposed that the follow-up be conceived as natural continuation of the WSIS process, focusing on procedural, assessment and stocktaking issues, without re-negotiation of substantive issues.

Therefore the multi-stakeholder coordinating body should be conceived as the continuation of the WSIS multi-stakeholder process, while the ITU should retain an eminent role, vis-à-vis the coordinating body, in the spirit of UN General Assembly Resolution 56/183 - 90th plenary meeting, 21December 2001.:

The General Assembly, recognizing the urgent need to harness the potential of knowledge and technology for promoting the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration : .../...

Invites the International Telecommunication Union to assume the leading managerial role in the executive secretariat of the Summit and its preparatory process;

Since the follow-up a process issue, it appears natural that the multi-stakeholder body be constituted by a governmental bureau, assisted in an effective advisory capacity by the Civil Society Bureau and the Business Bureau (CCBI), therefore relying on known existing bodies with a reliable track record. We suggest that this body be completed, also in an advisory capacity, to facilitate the implementation process, by a representative of each United Nation specialized agencies and programs. The ITU might therefore be present as such, notwithstanding its different role as executive secretariat.

Follow this approach we suggest to re-order the paragraphs (in reference to DT6rev2, 12 August) and to describe the overall coordinating body and then the coordination of each action line.,

Therefore it is suggested :

Concerning the follow up process, an overall coordination body is formed that is composed from a governmental bureau, assisted by a civil society bureau, a business bureau in their respective advisory capacity. The heads of all UN specialized agencies and programs are also members of the overall coordination body in an advisory capacity. We request the UN Secretary-General to nominate a chair of the overall coordination body. The overall coordination body submits regular reports to the UN General Assembly, following its existing rules of procedure and in the spirit of 57/270, reports to, and coordinates with ECOSOC concerning the economic, and social aspect of the Summit. The ITU assumes the leading managerial role in the executive secretariat of the coordinating body and the follow-up process of the WSIS. The number of members of the Governemtal bureau is xxx, the number of members of the Civil Society Bureau and the Business Bureau shall not exceed this number, respectively. The ITU in its leading managerial should provide financial and secretarial assistance so that the participation of Civil Society Bureau to the coordination meetings could be made possible.

The paragraph concerning the action lines then becomes.

To that end, for each Action Line in the Geneva and Tunis Plans of Action (as identified in the Annex), a multi-stakeholder coordinating coordinating committee is formed as a subset of the overall coordination body and its composition and size is determined by the overall coordination body, taking into accounts the specifics of each action line, through in an open and inclusive process that ensures a mechanism for the full and active participation of governments, the private sector and civil society from both developing and developed countries. We request the UN Secretary-General to nominate a chair for each coordinating committee. Concerned UN specialized agencies, and within their existing resources, bring financial and secretarial assistance to each relevant multi-stakeholder committee,, and specifically provide financial and secretarial assistance so that the participation of Civil Society to the committee meetings could be made possible. Concerned UN specialized agencies shall make their best efforts toward the implementation of each action line, leveraging on their specific expertise.

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