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Document WSIS/PCIP/DT/2-E (draft action plan)

Page 7, paragraph 40

E-Employment: Policies should be adopted to enhance the positive effects of ICTs on the world of work and counter the negative ones. ICTs can change how, when and where people work. They can enhance the productivity of enterprises and provide new employment throughout the economy thus becoming prime poverty eradication tools. International cooperation should be strengthened to disseminate the required know how, to design the appropriate economic policies and to advise on the implementation strategies to harness ICTs as employment generators. International labour standards should be adopted or developed to protect the rights of workers both in new occupations or employed under new working conditions. Standards to strengthen tripartite social dialogue should also be enforced to facilitate the adoption of new technologies. The role of the ILO is fundamental in these domains.

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An ambitious and innovative approach is required to eradicate illiteracy and to promote lifelong learning and permanent professional training as indispensable prerequisites for participation in the information society. This aim should be achieved through the use of gender and culturally sensitive - wherever possible ICTs-based - tools.

Document WSIS/PCIP/DT/1-E (declaration of Principles)

Page 2, paragraph 10

Add a new sub-paragraph with the following text:

The adoption of, and respect for, International Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at work recognising that ICTs are progressively changing who, how, where and when people work.