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## Russian Federation

### Proposals formulated by the Russian Federation with respect to the text of the draft Action Plan (Document S03-WSISPCIP-030721-TD-GEN-0002!!MSW)

1. Amend the last part of § 1 to read as follows: "... national levels, as well as at the level of United Nations international organizations, and that is established in accordance with the Millennium Declaration Goals".
2. Amend the second indent of § 3 to read as follows: "... To develop connectivity for institutions accessible to the public such as archives, libraries, post offices, schools, universities, etc.".
3. In § 12, the proposed wording, or its translation into Russian, is unacceptable inasmuch as the notion "individuals and organizations" requires clarification. It is not clear who "should" benefit from enhanced access to knowledge and information, and on what grounds. The provision as currently worded could have consequences of a discriminatory nature.
4. An amendment is proposed in respect of § 13 in order to bring the Russian wording fully into line with the English text, which remains unchanged.
5. Amend the text of § 14 to read as follows: "**Open standards and open-source software:** Development and deployment both of open standards for ICT and of open-source software should be encouraged: ...".
6. In the second indent of § 14, delete the words "including UNESCO software CDS/ISIS".
7. Amend the text of § 15 to read as follows: "**Information flows:** Guidelines on Internet contracts should be established and, where necessary, existing contracts for Internet traffic renegotiated".
8. Amend the wording of subheading 3 to read as follows: "**The role of States, United Nations international organizations, the business sector and civil society in the promotion of ICTs for development**".

We would propose that the concept of "government" be replaced by that of "State" throughout the text, as is the case in § 36. In a State system, it is not only the government that participates in

creating the Information Society. The development of legislation governing the building of the Information Society falls within the competence of the representative organs of government, and legal practice in respect of matters pertaining to the Information Society is carried out by legal bodies. Both legislative and legal bodies participate in the building of the Information Society through the drawing-up of regulatory and legal instruments and the handing down of legal decisions, such instruments and decisions being State information resources that lie in the public domain. In the fifth indent of § 29, moreover, it is recommended that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) should be used along with normal judicial practice, thereby confirming once again that it is not only the government, but also the legal organs, that are participating in the drawing-up of the document under consideration. The same applies in respect of § 28 and elsewhere in regard to legislative activities.

9. Amend the wording of the first indent of § 17 to read as follows: "The public sector should improve national legislation pertaining to the building of the Information Society, explore innovative ways to correct market failures and foster competition to bring the Information Society to all sectors of the economy and society, especially those living in poverty".

10. Amend the wording of the second indent of § 21 to read as follows: "... ICTs should be incorporated in school curricula and in the curricula of teacher training institutions".

11. Amend the wording of the third indent of § 23 to read as follows: "... South to North and East to West brain drain should be prevented, in particular through the creation by governments of an adequate environment to keep trained people".

12. Amend the third indent of § 25 by deleting the words "long-term".

13. Amend the second paragraph of § 25 to read as follows: "... and security, and would adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure within ...".

14. An amendment is proposed to the second indent of § 28 to bring it into line with the English text, which remains unchanged.

15. Amend the wording of the first indent of § 27 to read as follows: "... with emphasis on preventative approaches, including the development and improvement of national legislation aimed at preventing and combating cybercrime, national guidelines and regional ...".

The scope of § 27 should also be expanded to encompass the need to combat the use of ICTs for terrorist purposes.

16. In the third indent of § 34, the notions of "indigenous knowledge" and the "unfair use" thereof call for clarification.

17. Amend the wording of the sixth indent of § 39 to read as follows: "... A system should be established to provide e-health services to the populations in remote and inaccessible regions of the globe".

18. Amend the wording of § 41 to read as follows: "... threats to the environment, as well as to forecast natural disasters".

19. An amendment is proposed to the fourth indent of § 45 a) to bring it into line with the

English text, which remains unchanged.

20. Add the following provisions to the draft Action Plan:

"Given the current fears that information and communication technologies could be used for purposes that are incompatible with efforts to secure international stability and security and that could have a negative impact on both the civil and military security of States, and given also the need to prevent the use of information resources or technologies for criminal or terrorist ends, the following measures are required:

- 1) the creation of appropriate mechanisms for increasing the level of awareness regarding the importance of ensuring security in the area of information and communication networks;
- 2) examination of existing and potential threats to the security of information and communication networks and of ways and means of combating such threats;
- 3) broadening of the scale of technical information exchanges and international cooperation aimed at enhancing the security of information and communication networks;
- 4) a contribution to the efforts being made within the framework of the United Nations system with a view to:
  - assessing the status of information security, including harmful interference or the abusive use of information and communication systems and information resources;
  - developing methods to combat infringements of security and establishing organizations to provide an effective response in the event of such infringements, as well as exchanging information and technical facilities to that end;
  - examining the possibility of developing, in the long term, an international convention on security in the field of information networks and communication networks."

21. Include the wording "countries whose economy is in transition" in the sixth indent of § 21, the third indent of § 23 and the third indent of § 43.

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