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## Proposed addition to the WSIS Plan of Action:

### Section I.

#### B. Objectives

45. Examples of possible concrete and comprehensive actions could include:

- a) benchmarks.....
- b) E-Strategies...
- c) Global Digital Compact...

**[NEW (d):] Global e-Schools Initiative (GeSI). Objective: mainstreaming ICT into the community by connecting all secondary schools in developing countries and using these as community access points, by 2015. Launch a multi-stakeholder partnership to build up human capacity and empower people through, first, improving education in the developing world by empowering teachers and students with the help of ICT and, second, using strengthened education infrastructure and human capacity for empowering local communities by providing access to knowledge. The initiative, in addition to improving education, would improve the ability of local communities, including in rural and remote areas, to benefit from connectivity and knowledge in such diverse areas as e-government, health, commerce, etc. It would thus directly contribute to the achievement of benchmarks outlined in item (a) above. The initiative would contribute to strengthening coherence of the plurality of existing “e-school” activities, ensuring sustainability, replication and scaling up of successes. It would also provide a platform for the private sector to engage, in a “win-win” manner, with the development community in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration. (*The initiative is being developed by the United Nations ICT Task Force*).**