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| **Contribution submitted by the Federative Republic of Brazil** | |
| Proposal to merge the current DRAFT OPINIONS for wtpf-21 | |

Based on the Annex of the Fourth Draft of the Report by the ITU Secretary-General for the Sixth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2021, which states the status of the current potential Draft Opinions, we can see that the current proposed draft opinions are the following:

1. Mobilizing new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development ([Contribution submitted by the United Kingdom](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG2-C-0006/en))
2. Inclusive access to new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development, including for women and girls ([Contribution submitted by the United Kingdom](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG2-C-0006/en))
3. An enabling environment for investment in new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs ([Contribution submitted by the United Kingdom](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG2-C-0006/en))
4. Fostering digital skills, education and inclusion ([Contribution submitted by the United States of America](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG3-C-0006/en))
5. Mobilizing an enabling policy environment to foster the development and deployment of new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development ([Contribution submitted by the United States of America](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG3-C-0006/en))
6. Mobilizing new solutions for connectivity ([Contribution submitted by the United States of America](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG3-C-0006/en))
7. Policy Challenges related to OTTs ([Contribution submitted by Egypt and Ghana](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG2-C-0012/en))
8. New and emerging technologies, in particular Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development ([Joint Contribution submitted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Ghana, South Africa, Egypt, Russian Federation, Cuba](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG3-C-0012/en))
9. Building Confidence and Security in the Era of New and Emerging Technologies ([Joint Contribution submitted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Ghana, South Africa, Egypt, Russian Federation, Cuba](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG3-C-0012/en))
10. Mobilizing new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development in the context of helping to eliminate and manage the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic ([Contribution submitted by the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-WTPF21IEG3-C-0008/en))

The list above is the result of the contributions on possible Draft Opinions received from members of the IEG-WTPF-21 up to the third meeting on 14-16 September 2020. The Report points out that Members are requested by the Chair to consolidate similar contributions so that the Group can focus on a manageable number of draft Opinions (5-6 max) and work towards a consensus.

In an attempt to rationalize the number of opinions submitted to date, Brazil suggests, based on proposals for the draft opinion listed above, an aggregation of them considering that it seems that there are two very clear positions. On one hand, some countries state that the opinions should reflect policies for connectivity, including investment, inclusive access, skills, etc, and, propose to address emerging technologies in general within the scope of the referred policies. On the other hand, some other countries proposed that specific opinions reflect the current emerging technologies and trends touching aspects such as Artificial Intelligence - A.I., Cybersecurity, OTT, etc.

Brazil’s opinion is that we can merge the opinions of the two poles and have fewer opinions, as shown below, based on the rationale that specific emerging technologies can be addressed jointly and that some of the aspects of connectivity policies can also be combined to strengthen the synergies among related aspects. Bearing that in mind, Brazil proposes the following six new Draft Opinions:

**New Draft Opinion 1.** Mobilizing new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs and new solutions for connectivity for sustainable development (Merger of current Opinions 1 and 6).

**New Draft Opinion 2.** An enabling environment for investment, inclusive access, and to foster the development and deployment of new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development (Merger of current Opinions 2, 3 and 5).

**New Draft Opinion 3.** Fostering digital skills, education and inclusion (Current Opinion 4).

**New Draft Opinion 4.** Fostering new and emerging technologies, in particular Artificial Intelligence and OTTs, for Sustainable Development (Merger of current Opinions 7 and 8).

**New Draft Opinion 5.** Building Confidence and Security in the Era of New and Emerging Technologies (Current Opinion 9).

**New Draft Opinion 6.** Mobilizing new and emerging telecommunications / ICTs for sustainable development in the context of helping to eliminate and manage the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (Current Opinion 10).

Brazil will be submitting as well, in other contributions, the proposed text of the merged Draft Opinions as per the suggestion above.