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| ITU Member States, members of the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) |
| PROPOSALS FOR THE REVISION OF RESOLUTION 140 (rev. dubai, 2018) |
| ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes |

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| **Summary**The purpose of this document is to present proposals for the revision of Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) by the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22), taking into account documents of the United Nations and United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, discussions held within the context of the ITU Council Working Group on WSIS & SDGs, the Council, the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, the World Telecommunication Development Conference and the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum, and the proposals of the Secretary-General regarding the roadmap on the role of ITU in the preparations for and conduct of the WSIS+20 review.The proposed substantive modifications to Resolution 140 seek to update the text of the resolution, reflect the most recent documents of the United Nations General Assembly, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other United Nations system organizations in regard to implementing WSIS outcomes and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and include sections which will allow relevant Sector resolutions to be streamlined and shortened. Action requiredThe RCC member Administrations propose that the suggested amendments to Resolution 140 (Dubai, 2018), on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes, be considered with a view to their adoption by the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_References− |

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RESOLUTION 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)

ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Bucharest, 2022),

recalling

*a)* Resolution 73 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which achieved its aims in regard to the holding of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);

*b)* the Geneva Declaration of Principles and the Geneva Plan of Action, adopted in 2003, and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted in 2005, all of which were endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA);

*c)* UNGA Resolution 70/125, on the outcome document of the UNGA high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*d)* UNGA Resolution 70/1, on transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*e)* the WSIS+10 statement on the implementation of WSIS outcomes and vision for WSIS beyond 2015, which were adopted at the ITU‑coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event (Geneva, 2014), based on the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform (MPP) process, together with other United Nations agencies and inclusive of all WSIS stakeholders, were endorsed by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Busan, 2014) and were submitted to the UNGA overall review;

*f)* the annual UNGA resolutions on information and communication technologies for sustainable development;

*g)* the annual United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolutions on assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes, prepared by the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD);

*h)* Resolution 41 C/27 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) General Conference (41st session, 2021), on the WSIS outcomes;

*i)* Resolution 140 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the WSIS outcomes and in the UNGA overall review of their implementation;

*j)* the opinions of the sixth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-21);

*k)* relevant resolutions and decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference on implementation of corresponding outcomes of both WSIS phases and on international Internet-related public policy issues,

considering

*a)* that ITU plays a fundamental role in providing global perspectives on the development of the information society;

*b)* the role played by ITU in the successful organization of the two phases of WSIS and its coordination of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event;

*c)* that the core competencies of ITU in the field of information and communication technologies (ICTs) – assistance in bridging the digital divide, international and regional cooperation, radio-spectrum management, standards development and the dissemination of information – are of crucial importance for building the information society, as stated in § 64 of the Geneva Declaration of Principles;

*d)* that the Tunis Agenda stated that "each UN agency should act according to its mandate and competencies, and pursuant to decisions of their respective governing bodies, and within existing approved resources" (§ 102b);

*e)* the establishment of a United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the request of the Summit, with the main objective of coordinating substantive and policy issues facing the United Nations' implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and that ITU is a permanent member of UNGIS, and shares a rotating chairmanship thereof;

*f)* that ITU, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are playing lead facilitation roles in the multistakeholder implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and Tunis Agenda, as called upon by WSIS;

*g)* that ITU is the moderator/facilitator for Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure), C4 (Capacity building), C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs) and C6 (Enabling environment) of the Tunis Agenda, and a partner for a number of other action lines, as identified by WSIS;

*h)* that Resolution 200 (Rev. [Dubai, 2018]) of the Plenipotentiary Conference endorsed the high-level strategic goals and targets set out in the strategic plan of the Union and global broadband targets to implement the Connect 2030 Agenda;

*i)* that ITU is given specific responsibility for maintaining the WSIS stocktaking database (§ 120 of the Tunis Agenda);

*j)* that ITU is capable of providing expertise relevant to the Internet Governance Forum as demonstrated during the WSIS process (§ 78 a) of the Tunis Agenda);

*k)* that ITU has, *inter alia*, specific responsibility to study and report on international Internet connectivity (§§ 27 and 50 of the Tunis Agenda);

*l)* that ITU has a specific responsibility to ensure rational, efficient and economic use of, and equitable access to, the radio-frequency spectrum by all countries, based on relevant international agreements (§ 96 of the Tunis Agenda);

*m)* that "building an inclusive development-oriented information society will require unremitting multistakeholder effort … Taking into account the multifaceted nature of building the Information Society, effective cooperation among governments, private sector, civil society and United Nations and other international organizations, according to their roles and responsibilities and leveraging on their expertise, is essential" (§ 83 of the Tunis Agenda);

*n)* that the vision of an information society cannot be achieved without embracing the principle of inclusiveness in all efforts to promote and achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

considering further

*a)* that ITU and other international organizations should continue to cooperate and coordinate their activities where necessary for the global good;

*b)* the need for ITU to evolve constantly in response to changes in the telecommunication/ICT environment and, in particular, in respect of evolving new and emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, big data, 5/6G and the Internet of Things, and new regulatory challenges;

*c)* the needs of developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1, including in the areas of harnessing ICT for sustainable development and bridging the digital and broadband divides, building telecommunication/ICT infrastructure enabling the growth of the digital economy, strengthening confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICT and implementation of the other WSIS goals;

*d)* the need to use the resources and expertise of ITU for implementation of the WSIS outcomes and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

*e)* the need to efficiently deploy the Union's human and financial resources in a manner consistent with the priorities of the membership and cognizant of budgetary constraints, and the need to avoid duplication among the Bureaux and the General Secretariat;

*f)* that the full involvement of the membership, including Sector Members, Associates and Academia, as well as other stakeholders, is critical to successful ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes;

*g)* that the strategic plan for the Union for 2024-2027 set out in Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference contains a commitment to and priorities for implementation of the relevant WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs;

*h)* that the Council Working Group on WSIS & SDGs (CWG-WSIS&SDG) constitutes an effective mechanism for facilitating Member State inputs on the role of ITU in implementing WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs;

*i)* that the ITU Secretary-General created the ITU WSIS/SDG Task Force, chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General, the role of which is to formulate strategies and coordinate ITU's policies and activities in relation to WSIS, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*j)* that the Council, at its 2016 session, resolved to use the WSIS framework as the foundation through which ITU helps achieve the 2030 Agenda, within the ITU's mandate and within the resources allocated in the financial plan and biennial budget, noting the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by United Nations agencies;

*k)* that the international community is invited to make voluntary contributions to the special trust fund set up by ITU to support activities relating to the implementation of WSIS outcomes;

*l)* that ITU is capable of providing expertise in the field of statistical work by developing ICT indicators, using appropriate indicators and benchmarking to track global progress, and measuring the digital divide (§§ 113-118 of the Tunis Agenda),

noting

*a)* the outcomes of the WSIS Forum, organized annually by ITU in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), UNESCO and UNDP;

*b)* the recognition in UNGA Resolution 70/125 that the WSIS Forum has been a platform for discussion and sharing of best practices in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes by all stakeholders, and should continue to be held annually;

*c)* that the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, established at the invitation of the Secretary-General of ITU and the Director-General of UNESCO, re-evaluated and launched a new framework of targets for 2025 in support of "Connecting the Other Half" of the world's population, which aim to make broadband policy universal and to increase affordability and uptake in support of internationally agreed development goals, including the SDGs;

*d)* Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019), on ITU's role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*e)* the annual reports of the Secretary‑General on ITU's contribution to implementation of the WSIS outcomes through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Council contribution to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development on relevant ITU activities;

*f)* the relevant Sector resolutions on the role of the ITU Sectors in implementing the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*g)* the relevant results of the 2019-2022 sessions of the ITU Council related to implementation of the WSIS outcomes and achieving the SDGs;

*h)* the report by the UNESCO Director-General on implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*i)* the outcomes of the WSIS Forums and the sessions of CSTD, the Internet Governance Forum and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development;

*j)* programmes, activities and regional activities established by the 2017 and 2021 world telecommunication development conferences (WTDC) with the objective of bridging the digital and broadband divides,

taking into account

that WSIS acknowledged that multistakeholder participation is essential to the successful building of a people‑centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society,

recognizing

*a)* that the UNGA outcome document on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes has substantial implications for the activities of ITU and calls for close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the cross-cutting contribution of ICTs to the SDGs and poverty eradication, and noting that access to ICTs has also become a development indicator and aspiration in and of itself;

*b)* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has substantial implications for the activities of ITU;

*c)* that implementation of the WSIS outcomes will facilitate digital transformation and development of the digital economy and help achieve the SDGs, and successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda will depend on improving access to ICTs;

*d)* that ECOSOC, in its Resolution 2021/28, emphasizes the importance of promoting an inclusive information society, with particular attention to bridging the digital and broadband divides, taking into account the considerations of developing countries, gender and culture, as well as youth and other underrepresented groups;

*e)* the importance of ITU's role and participation in UNGIS, as a permanent member, and sharing a rotating chairmanship;

*f)* ITU's commitment to implementation of the WSIS outcomes and achieving the SDGs, as one of the most important goals for the Union;

*g)* the key role of telecommunications/ICTs to facilitate digital transformation and the development of the digital economy and help achieve the SDGs and other internationally agreed development goals;

*h)* that UNGA, in its Resolution 70/125, decided to hold a high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025;

*i)* that the WSIS action lines are crucial for advancing the achievement of SDGs; hence, it is important to continue the alignment of the WSIS process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with the WSIS-SDG Matrix;

*j)* that the WSIS Forum, which has proven to be an efficient medium for coordination of multistakeholder implementation activities, information exchange, creation of knowledge and sharing of best practices, will provide a platform for deliberations on the 20 years of the implementation of the WSIS action lines and WSIS beyond 2025 in preparation for the UNGA WSIS+20 review in 2025,

recognizing further

*a)* that, more than 15 years since the adoption of the WSIS outcomes, ICTs have fundamentally changed the world, posing new challenges that require urgent attention;

*b)* that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis not only highlighted the critical role of ICTs in maintaining a functioning society but also brought to the fore startling digital inequalities between and within countries;

*c)* that UNGA calls upon all stakeholders in the ICT sector, including governments and the United Nations system, to fully consider the health and socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as they strengthen their efforts to bridge the digital divides within and between developed and developing countries, with particular attention to the poorest and most vulnerable, as well as women and girls, and to ensuring affordable and reliable connectivity, the promotion of digital access and digital inclusion, and the expansion of accessible and inclusive distance-learning solutions and digital health services;

*d)* that many of these problems relate to ITU's fields of competence and have a direct impact on its mandate and mission to bring the benefits of ICTs to people all around the world;

*e)* that ITU has been helping countries to fully utilize ICTs to respond to and recover from COVID-19, and to build preparedness for similar future global emergencies,

resolves

1 that ITU's role regarding implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development should focus on telecommunications/ICTs, in accordance with ITU's mandate;

2 that ITU should play a leading facilitating role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, along with UNESCO and UNDP;

3 that ITU should continue to coordinate WSIS Forums, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) and WSIS Prizes and maintain the WSIS Stocktaking database, as well as continuing to coordinate and support the activities of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development;

4 that ITU should continue to play a lead facilitation role in the WSIS implementation process, as a moderator/facilitator for implementing Action Lines C2, C4, C5 and C6;

5 that ITU should continue its work on implementation of the WSIS outcomes and realization of the WSIS vision beyond 2015, carrying out those activities that come within its mandate and participating, together with other stakeholders, including development partners (governments, specialized agencies of the United Nations, relevant international and regional organizations, etc.), as appropriate, through a clear plan and appropriate mechanisms for coordination among the different partners concerned at the national, regional, interregional and global levels, having particular regard to the needs of developing countries, including in the field of building the telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs, to support the implementation of the other WSIS goals that can help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and facilitate the development of the digital economy;

6 that ITU should continue to use the WSIS framework as the foundation through which ITU helps achieve the SDGs, noting the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by all UN WSIS action line facilitators, working through CWG-WSIS, including by:

i) updating its roadmaps for WSIS Action Lines C2, C4, C5 and C6 to take into account activities under way to also implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

ii) providing input, as appropriate, into the roadmaps/work plans for WSIS Action Lines C1, C3, C7, C8, C9 and C11, also related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

7 that ITU shall use digital technologies to ensure that no one is left offline, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis;

8 that ITU should continue to adapt itself, taking into account technological developments and its potential to contribute significantly to building an inclusive information society and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

9 that there is a need to integrate the implementation of the 2022 Kigali Action Plan, and relevant resolutions of plenipotentiary conferences and of the Sectors, with the multistakeholder implementation of the WSIS outcomes/achievement of the SDGs;

10 that ITU, in close coordination with UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP and CSTD, should continue to work together to develop a progressive roadmap on the preparations for and conduct of the WSIS+20 review and the WSIS process beyond 2025;

11 that the ITU Sectors, in particular the relevant study groups, should carry out activities, considering in their studies the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG[[2]](#footnote-4)2 and other Council working groups on issues relevant to WSIS and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

12 that the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D) shall give high priority to building information and communication infrastructure (WSIS Action Line C2), this being the physical backbone for all e‑applications, having regard to the 2022 WTDC Declaration and Kigali Action Plan and calling upon the ITU‑D study groups to do the same;

13 that ITU should play an active role in the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025, in accordance with UNGA resolution 70/125 and its follow-up;

14 that ITU should submit a progress report concerning its implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, noting the contribution of telecommunications/ICT to digital transformation and the digital economy, to the plenipotentiary conference in 2026,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to support ITU's role in implementing the WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs;

2 to ensure that ITU activities related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are implemented through close alignment with the WSIS process and are conducted in accordance with its mandate, within established policies and procedures, and within the resources allocated in the financial plan and biennial budget;

3 to report annually to ECOSOC on progress made in implementation of the WSIS action lines for which ITU is the facilitator or co-facilitator, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, and to provide this report to CWG-WSIS&SDG;

4 to contribute annually on relevant ITU activities to the High-Level Political Forum, and provide the report to the Council through CWG-WSIS&SDG;

5 to provide annually to the Council a comprehensive report detailing the activities, actions and engagements that the Union is undertaking on these subjects, for consideration and decision;

6 to coordinate with UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, CSTD and other relevant United Nations system organizations for the development of a progressive roadmap on the preparations for and conduct of the WSIS+20 review and the WSIS process beyond 2025;

7 to invite UNGIS to align activities on developing the information society towards a knowledge society, based on results of the overall review of implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

8 to continue to coordinate the WSIS Forum as a platform for discussion and sharing of best practices in the implementation of WSIS by all stakeholders, taking into consideration the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

9 to adjust the WSIS Stocktaking database and WSIS Prizes competitions in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

10 to take into consideration the outputs of CWG-WSIS&SDG in WSIS/SDG Task Force activities;

11 to maintain the special WSIS trust fund to support ITU activities relating to facilitating ITU implementation of the WSIS outcomes through mechanisms including the establishment of partnerships and strategic alliances, and to invite the ITU membership to make voluntary contributions;

12 to review ITU reporting and work plans to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

13 to continue to assess and report regularly on universal accessibility of nations to ICTs, with the aim of creating equitable opportunities for the growth of ICT sectors in developing countries;

14 to prepare a WSIS+20 report on ITU's contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and follow-up and its role in achieving the SDGs (2015-2025) for presentation to the 2025 session of CSTD and UNGA, and to present this report to the 2025 session of the Council via CWG-WSIS&SDG;

15 to present this report to the UNGA high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025, in accordance with the modalities provided by UNGA, which will be submitted as an input to the CSTD review;

16 to prepare a report on the UNGA overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes to the first session of the Council after its approval and to the plenipotentiary conference in 2026,

instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux

1 to take all necessary measures for ITU to fulfil its role, as outlined in *resolves* 1, 2, 3, and 4 above, in accordance with the appropriate roadmaps and coordinating through the WSIS/SDG Task Force, with the aim of avoiding duplication of work among the ITU Bureaux and the ITU General Secretariat;

2 to regularly update the roadmaps for ITU's activities within its mandate in regard to WSIS implementation taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to be presented to the Council via CWG-WSIS&SDG;

3 to strengthen, involving, among others, the ITU regional and area offices, coordination and collaboration at the regional level with the UN regional economic commissions and the UN Regional Development Group, as well as all UN agencies (in particular those acting as facilitator for WSIS action lines) and other relevant regional organizations, especially in the field of telecommunications/ICT, with the aim of:

i) aligning WSIS and SDG processes and their implementation as requested by UNGA Resolution 70/125;

ii) implementing ICT for SDG actions through the UN's "Delivering as One" approach;

iii) incorporating ICTs in the UN development assistance frameworks;

iv) developing partnerships for implementation of inter-agency and multistakeholder projects, advancing the implementation of WSIS action lines and advancing achievement of the SDGs;

v) highlighting the importance of advocacy for ICTs in national sustainable development plans;

vi) strengthening regional input to the WSIS Forum, WSIS Prizes and WSIS Stocktaking;

4 to continue to raise public awareness of the Union's mandate, role and activities and provide broader access to the Union's resources for the general public and other actors involved in the emerging information society;

5 to prepare and submit a progress report on the ITU activities for WSIS/SDG implementation to the next plenipotentiary conference in 2026;

6 to take appropriate action to facilitate the implementation of this resolution,

instructs the Directors of the Bureaux

1 to ensure that concrete objectives and deadlines (using results-based management processes) for WSIS and SDG activities are developed and reflected in the operational plans of each Sector, in accordance with this resolution and relevant Council resolutions;

2 to take into account, within the framework of close inter-Sector collaboration, the impact of ITU's work in telecommunications/ICT related to digital transformation on the growth of the digital economy, in line with the WSIS framework, and provide assistance to the membership upon request;

3 to provide CWG-WSIS&SDG with a comprehensive overview of the activities of the Sectors in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

4 to pay special attention to the needs of developing countries in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the achievement of the SDGs, within the mandates of the Sectors;

5 to provide information on emerging trends based on Sector activities;

6 to submit contributions to the relevant annual reports of the Secretary-General on these activities;

7 to follow, as soon as possible and in accordance with Resolution 30 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017), a partnership approach in ITU‑D activities related to its roles in the implementation and follow-up of the WSIS outcomes and achieving the SDGs, with particular attention to the needs of developing countries, in accordance with the provisions of the ITU Constitution and ITU Convention, and to report annually, as appropriate, to the Council,

requests the ITU Council

1 to oversee, consider and discuss, as appropriate, ITU's work on implementation of the WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs and related ITU activities, and, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference, to make resources available as appropriate;

2 to oversee ITU's adaptation to the information society, in line with *resolves* 5 above;

3 to maintain CWG-WSIS&SDG, in order to facilitate membership input and guidance on the ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes and its activities to help achieve the SDGs;

4 to take into account the UNGA decisions relevant to the WSIS process and achieving the SDGs;

5 to prepare and submit to the UNGA High-Level Political Forum 2023 the report on the ITU contribution to implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2020-2023;

6 to report annually on relevant ITU activities to the ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum through the mechanisms established by UNGA Resolution 70/1;

7 to include the report of the Secretary-General in the documents sent to Member States in accordance with No. 81 of the Convention;

8 to prepare and present for the consideration of the 2026 plenipotentiary conference proposals for the follow-up to the UNGA high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025;

9 to examine, with the involvement of the other facilitators/moderators and stakeholders, possible approaches to financing and maintaining a WSIS Forum website, available, wholly or in part, in at least the six official languages of the United Nations (ensuring equal functionality), to invite the secretariat to report to the Council annually on the progress made in this examination and to present a final report to the next plenipotentiary conference;

10 to review and improve, through the CWG-WSIS&SDG:

i) the ITU activities related to implementation of the WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs;

ii) the WSIS Prizes rules and guidelines to facilitate the participation of all stakeholders, using the six official languages of the Union, to make them more effective and simpler and serve the interest of all stakeholders;

iii) promotion of the winners of WSIS Prizes throughout the UN activities related to WSIS and SDGs,

invites Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia

1 to participate actively in implementing the WSIS outcomes and achieving the SDGs, contribute to the WSIS Forum and WSIS Stocktaking database maintained by ITU and the WSIS Prizes, and participate actively in the activities of CWG-WSIS&SDG and in ITU's further adaptation in order to build an inclusive information society and achieve the SDGs;

2 to participate actively in ITU WSIS implementation activities to support achieving the SDGs, including those related to digital transformation, which fosters sustainable growth of the digital economy;

3 to support, through relevant UN processes, the synergies and institutional linkages between WSIS and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the WSIS-SDG Matrix, so as to continue strengthening the impact of ICT for sustainable development and its contribution towards development of the digital economy;

4 to make voluntary contributions to the special trust fund set up by ITU to support activities relating to the implementation of WSIS outcomes;

5 to continue to contribute information on their activities to the public WSIS Stocktaking database maintained by ITU;

6 to contribute to and closely collaborate with the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development as an international, multistakeholder initiative to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries;

7 to play an active role in the preparations for and conduct of the UNGA high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and in its follow-up,

expresses

its warmest thanks and deepest gratitude to the Governments of Switzerland and Tunisia for having hosted the two phases of the Summit in close collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and other relevant United Nations agencies.

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1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2 See *requests the ITU Council* 3 below. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)