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resolution 1334 (modified 2023)

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ITU Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

The ITU Council,

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)* Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary conference, 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;

*c)* UNGA Resolution 70/125, on the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

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

*e)* UNGA Resolution 76/307, on modalities for the Summit of the Future;

*f)* Resolution 200 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, entitled Connect 2030 Agenda for global telecommunication/information and communication technology, including broadband, for sustainable development;

*g)* Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019) on the ITU Role in the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes up to 2015 and Future Activities beyond WSIS+10;

*h)* Council Resolution 1334 (Modified 2015) on the ITU Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society,

recalling further

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

*b)* that UNGA, in its Resolution 70/125, decided to hold a high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of WSIS in 2025, involving the input and participation of all stakeholders, including in the preparatory process, to take stock of progress on the outcomes of the World Summit and identify both areas of continued focus and challenges,

considering

*a)* the provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention concerning the role of the Union with regard to policies and strategies;

*b)* the resolutions adopted by Plenipotentiary Conference concerning WSIS and the SDGs;

*c)* the role that ITU played in initiating and leading the management of WSIS and its contribution to the WSIS+10 Overall Review, including its successful coordination of WSIS+10 High-Level Event (Geneva 2014);

*d)* the mandates given to ITU in respect of overall implementation of the WSIS outcomes,

notes with satisfaction

*a)* ITU’s leadership in the organization and coordination of the work done within the effective mechanism of Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform to the WSIS+10 High-Level Event;

*b)* WSIS+10 High-Level Event was coordinated by ITU and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP with engagement of other UN Agencies, including FAO, ILO, UNEP, UNDESA, UNODC, UPU, ITC, UN Women, WMO, WHO, WFP, WIPO and UN Regional Commissions;

*c)* multistakeholder and inclusive character of the UNGIS Open Consultation on WSIS+10 led by ITU that greatly contributed to its success;

*d)* the WSIS Forum has proven to be a platform to assess progress, share experiences and promote further development on the basis of the participation of all WSIS stakeholders and, while considering the continuation of holding such a process, in consultation with UN agencies;

*e)* ITU Secretary-General’s efforts made towards ensuring synergies between the UN processes, including World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Summit of the Future,

appreciates

*a)* efforts dedicated by the ITU towards the preparations for the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, as an extended version of the WSIS Forum 2024, to be hosted by Switzerland;

*b)* efforts made by the ITU Secretary-General in the implementation of Council Resolutions 1332 and 1334;

*c)* efforts of the ITU Secretary-General towards the mobilization of extra budgetary resources, corresponding to the financial requirements of the WSIS+20, while encouraging all Member States to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust of the ITU,

considering that the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference resolved

*a)* that ITU should continue to coordinate with the relevant United Nations organizations, where appropriate, to support the UNGA overall review of the WSIS outcomes in 2025 and to play an active role in the process according to ITU's WSIS+20 roadmap and the review process established by UNGA;

*b)* that the WSIS Forum 2024 should be branded as WSIS+20 Forum High-level Event in Geneva and serve as a platform for the WSIS+20 review to provide multistakeholder discussions and to take stock of the achievements and key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action;

*c)* that ITU should provide to the UNGA WSIS+20 overall review a final report on ITU's role in implementation of the WSIS outcomes, in accordance with the review process established by UNGA;

*d)* to take into account the UNGA decisions relevant to the WSIS process, including the WSIS+20 overall review, and achieving the SDGs,

resolves to instruct the Secretary-General

1 to take all possible measures to encourage the full engagement and participation of all UN organizations, in particular those who have been mandated by the Tunis Agenda to perform particular tasks related to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, including all WSIS Action Line Facilitators;

2 to submit and promote towards the 2025 UNGA Overall Review the outcomes of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, elaborated through multistakeholder consultation process;

3 to pursue efficient and effective collaboration and coordination with all stakeholders in the preparatory process for the UN General Assembly high-level meeting on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025, following the WSIS principles of multistakeholderism and inclusiveness;

4in collaboration and coordination with other UN Agencies, to contribute to the UN General Assembly high-level meeting in 2025, making the best possible use of experiences gathered by the Union during the organization of two phases of WSIS (2003-2005), WSIS+10 High-Level Event, including multistakeholder preparatory platform, and WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event;

5 to provide annually to Council, through CWG-WSIS/SDG, a comprehensive report detailing the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking on the relevant UN processes, including the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Summit of the Future, for consideration and appropriate action, if necessary;

6 to present to the Council through CWG-WSIS&SDG until 2025, an update on WSIS+20 review process including the progress made in implementing the WSIS+20 roadmap for the preparations for and conducting of the WSIS+20 review process and the WSIS process beyond 2025;

7 to undertake necessary actions directed towards the involvement of all ITU membership in the preparations for the overall review of implementation of the WSIS outcomes and a vision beyond 2025;

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

9 to continue enhancing close cooperation and coordination with CSTD in regard to the WSIS+20 Overall Review;

10 to continue to report on the WSIS Stocktaking process and implementation of the Action lines that was set up by Tunis Phase of WSIS to assist the follow-up, and ensure that all Administrations and Action Line Facilitators are informed about the templates and deadlines for reporting;

11 to prepare a report on the outcomes of the 2025 high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society to the Council 2026 through CWG-WSIS&SDG and to the plenipotentiary conference in 2026;

12 to report annually to the Council on progress on this resolution through CWG-WSIS&SDG, invite directors of all Bureaux to engage actively in the implementation of this resolution,

instructs the CWG-WSIS&SDG

1 to monitor and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to the implementation of this resolution;

2 to consider ITU’s contributions to various options for themes relevant to the substance of WSIS+20 and beyond with the assistance of the WSIS&SDG Task Force;

3 based on the input of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux and also proposals from Member States and Sector Members to analyze the final outcome document of the UN General Assembly high-level meeting in 2025 during the first cycle of 2026 CWG-WSIS&SDG session and discuss if amendments to the existing Council resolutions on WSIS are required,

encourages the Member States

1 to contribute to the work of the CWG-WSIS&SDG by providing examples of good practice on using ICT tools for sustainable development;

2 to participate actively in the preparatory process for the UNGA overall review of the WSIS outcomes in 2025, the 2023 SDG Summit and the 2024 Summit on the Future;

3 to participate in the UN General Assembly high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes in 2025 at the highest possible level, to promote ITU's activities in this regard, including the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event;

4 to consult with and consider the views of non-governmental stakeholders,

encourages the membership

1 to actively participate in the process of preparation of the UN General Assembly high-level meeting in 2025;

2 to assure that the outcome of the 2025 high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society reflects to the greatest degree multistakeholder consensus, building on the consensus already achieved in Geneva and Tunis phases;

3 to consider the need to continue the WSIS Process after 2025 for the further development of the information and knowledge societies with a view to take full advantage of ICT to accomplish the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

4 to provide financial means for facilitating the participation of all relevant WSIS stakeholders from the developing and least developed countries in the UNGA preparatory process, in particular in informal interactive consultations;

5 to participate actively in the CWG-WSIS&SDG;

6 to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust of the ITU to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the WSIS+20 Process.

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