

Russian Federation

Contribution to the WSIS PrepCom-3

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Introduction

The issue concerning the organization of the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and follow-up measures is one of the most important issues to be discussed at PrepCom-3.

Proposals on this matter were submitted by a number of international and regional organizations and countries. The new draft version of points 10, 11 and 29 of chapters 1 and 4 of the Operational Part of the final document was presented by the PrepCom Chairman for discussion at the meeting the Group of Friends of the Chair (GFC) in early September 2005.

Most proposals note the importance of the global implementation of the Summit's decisions at country and region levels, as well as at the international level, in close cooperation among all stakeholders in the process. At the international level the leading role is assigned to international organizations of the UN system within their competence.

Joint proposals of such key participants in the process as the ITU and UNESCO, as well as a number of regional initiatives and declarations should be recognized as a positive factor of the preparatory process.

At the same time to start works on the implementation of the WSIS decisions without hesitation and undue delay it is important that the Summit address specific

international organizations with proposals to start the coordination process for works related to each action line of the Geneva and Tunis Plans of Action. The level of involvement of these organizations should be considered by the organizations' authorities taking into consideration their expertise, human and financial resources. The decision on who will be the coordinator (co-coordinator) for an individual action line may be specified at meetings of process stakeholders organized by UN agencies designated by the Summit.

The exclusion of the annex to old point 10 of the Operational Part of the final WSIS document actually means that there are no such specific proposals and may result in decreasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the WSIS in general.

Proposal

Taking into account the discussions at PrepCom-2 and further proposals, and as follow-up to its contribution to PrepCom-2 (Doc.WSIS-II/PC-2//CONTR/13), the Russian Federation proposes:

1. To support the proposal made by the ITU and UNESCO concerning the mechanism for the implementation of Summit decisions and the role of these organizations in the process of coordination of individual action lines of the Summit Plan of Action.
2. For the purpose of organizing the process of implementing the Summit decisions, to request the UN agencies listed in the Annex to point 10 of the Operational Part of the final WSIS document to undertake the role of coordinators and to organize the first meeting of stakeholders concerned in the implementation of each action line of the Summit Plan of Action with a view to prepare and agree specific joint programs and projects.
3. To request the ITU to continue playing the role of the leading organization in the process of implementing the Summit decisions, to organize a meeting of coordinators for individual action lines and to support the WSIS web-site.
4. To submit the following Annex to point 10:

ANNEX

Action Line	Coordinator(s)
C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development	ECOSOC
C2. Information and communication infrastructure	ITU
C3. Access to information and knowledge	ITU + UNESCO
C4. Capacity building	ITU + UNESCO
C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs	ITU
C6. Enabling environment	ITU+ UNDP
C7. ICT Applications	
• E-government	UNDP + ITU
• E-business	WTO + UNCTAD
• E-learning	UNESCO + ITU
• E-health	WHO+ ITU
• E-employment	ILO
• E-environment	WMO
• E-agriculture	FAO
• E-science	UNESCO
C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content	UNESCO
C9. Media	UNESCO
C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society	UNESCO + ECOSOC
C11. International and regional cooperation	ITU + UNDP + ECOSOC
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B. Objectives, goals and targets	ITU + ECOSOC
D. Digital Solidarity	ITU+ UNDP
E. Follow-up and evaluation	ITU + ECOSOC