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Idea	Draft text	Sources
<b>Chapter one</b>	<b>From words to actions: A summit of sustainable solutions</b>	
National implementation strategies	<p>1. <b>We recognise</b> that it is now time to move from words to actions, by taking the Plan of Action one step further, and identifying those areas in which progress has been made in implementing the commitments undertaken in Geneva, and by defining those areas where further efforts are required.</p> <p>2. <b>We acknowledge</b> the vital need, and we commit ourselves, to establish comprehensive, forward looking and sustainable national e-strategies, and to prepare related policies and to apply them appropriately, as an integral part of national development plans.</p>	G/OS  G
Regional and international implementation	<p>3. <b>We value</b> regional integration efforts as a contribution to the development of the global Information Society, and strong cooperation within and among regions is indispensable. The regional dialogue should contribute to national capacity-building and to the alignment of national strategies with the goal of implementing the Geneva decisions.</p> <p>4. Exchange of views and the sharing of best practices are essential to implementing the Geneva decisions at the regional and international levels. To this end, efforts should be made to provide and share useful knowledge and know-how, related to the elaboration of national e-strategies and policies. <b>We encourage</b> WSIS stakeholders to continue to organise and participate in regional and international conferences and WSIS-related thematic meetings.</p>	OS  G/OS
International co-operation	<p>5. <b>We reaffirm</b> that only through the cooperation and joint action of all stakeholders will it be possible to succeed in our challenge of harnessing the potential of ICTs to promote the development goals of the Millennium Declaration and to continue improving the social welfare and development of all human beings.</p> <p>6. <b>We are committed</b> to further strengthening the United Nations and the entire multilateral system of international relations, since we are convinced that a stronger multilateralism will</p>	G/OS  G/OS

	consolidate measures in favour of sustainable development and of international peace and security, which are crucial to building an Information Society. The United Nations system should play a leadership role in promoting synergies and coherence of all efforts directed at expanding the developmental impact of ICTs.	
WSIS targets	7. <b>We are committed</b> to achieving the indicative targets, set out in the Plan of Action, that serve as global references for improving connectivity and access in the use of ICTs in promoting the objectives of the Plan of Action, to be achieved by 2015, <i>by doing the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [to be added]**</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	G
Modalities for implementation	8. <i>[There is a need to define modalities for the follow-up of the Tunis Summit and an eventual review of the WSIS-process. There is a need to align the development aspects of WSIS with follow-up and implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the UN Millennium Declaration.]*</i>	G
Indicators	9. The Plan of Action identifies international performance evaluation and benchmarking as an important aspect of the follow-up and evaluation. <b>We applaud</b> the initiative of a number of key stakeholders involved in the statistical measurement of ICTs who have joined forces to create a global Partnership on "Measuring ICT for Development". This Partnership provides an open framework for coordinating ongoing and future activities in the area of Information Society measurements, and for developing a coherent and structured approach to advancing the development of ICT indicators globally, and in particular in the developing countries.	OS/G
Partnerships	10. <b>We recognize</b> that our goals can only be accomplished through the involvement and cooperation of all Information Society stakeholders. <b>We encourage</b> continuing co-operation between stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of the outcome of the WSIS-process, especially the promotion of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), in a joint effort and dialogue with less developed countries, donors and actors in the ICT sector.	G/OS

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\* Note: Text in italics indicates that additional contributions are required for drafting suggestions.

Stocktaking	11. <b>We encourage</b> all WSIS stakeholders to continue to contribute new and updated information on their activities to the WSIS stocktaking database, which was launched in October 2004 by the WSIS-ES and will be maintained by ITU, so that it becomes a valuable developmental tool, beyond the conclusion of the Tunis Phase of the Summit.	G/OS
<b>Chapter two</b>	<b>Financial mechanisms [for meeting the challenges of ICT for development]</b>	
	[to be discussed at December 15-16 GFC meeting]	
<b>Chapter three</b>	<b>Internet governance [/ Internet-related public policy]</b>	
	[to be discussed following release of the final report of the WGIG]	
<b>Chapter four</b>	<b>The way ahead</b>	
	12. <i>[There is a need to define clear steps for follow up after Tunis by defining the areas in need of follow up, the mechanism for follow up and the entities that will be tasked with the follow up.]*</i>	G
	13. <b>We agree</b> to institutionalize the WSIS follow-up mechanism and stocktaking within the framework of the United Nations and, on that basis, [to hold regular conferences to evaluate the implementation of the WSIS final documents]/[to examine implementation within the existing UN framework for regular review and follow-up mechanisms of major UN conferences and Summits].	G