



CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE POLITICAL CHAPEAU OF THE  
TUNIS WSIS STATEMENT (underlined statements are addi-  
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4. bis. The report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization established by the ILO and entitled "A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities for All" reinforces the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted by the WSIS by identifying ICTs as one of the main drivers- as enablers and transformers - of globalization and by highlighting the potential role of ICTs for decent work and people-centred, fair and inclusive globalization.
7. ICTs are not an end in themselves, but powerful tools to promote peace, security and stability, to enhance democracy, social cohesion, good governance and the rule of law. They can be used to promote economic growth and enterprise development through ICT-supported productivity gains and applied innovations leading to decent employment and, thus, to the reduction of poverty. Infrastructure development, human capacity building, information security and network security are critical to achieving these goals.
9. We recognize that, to ensure that the benefits of the Information Society are more evenly distributed between and within societies, we must be particularly attentive to the involvement of workers, to the roles of women and girls and to the needs of older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, minorities, and other marginalized and vulnerable groups.
17. Our efforts will be enhanced by international cooperation at all levels to improve coherence between national and international efforts for a truly global and concerted approach to sharing the benefits of the Information Society, and by efforts to promote a Policy Development Dialogue to deepen discussion and understanding of the national and international technology and communication policies that are required to create opportunities for all. Countries that have developed and implemented appropriate ICT policies should make efforts to provide and share useful knowledge and know-how.