

ECOSOC Resolution 2007/8

Flow of information for the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the outcome documents of the World Summit on the Information Society,¹

Recalling also its resolution 2006/46 on the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development,

Noting the substantive theme of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for 2007 “Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society, with a view to enhancing digital opportunities for all people”,

Recognizing the spontaneous flow of information towards the production of the report of the Secretary-General on promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society: progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society,²

Acknowledging the importance of further refinement of the reporting process to facilitate the World Summit follow-up,

Welcoming the development of the World Summit cluster of events organized by action line facilitators and United Nations regional commissions in Geneva during the celebration of the World Information Society Day, 17 May 2007,

Welcoming also multi-stakeholder participation in the Summit and its follow-up as a constructive way of dealing with present and future challenges in building the information society, and recalling its decisions 2007/215 and 2007/216 of 26 April 2007,

Recalling that, while the multi-stakeholder approach should be used effectively, the intergovernmental nature of the Commission should be preserved,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,³

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for his role in helping to complete the aforementioned report in a timely manner,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Science and Technology for Development annually on the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, including all e-applications;

¹ The outcome documents of the World Summit on the Information Society are available at www.itu.int/wsis/.

² E/CN.16/2007/2.

³ Ibid.

2. *Takes note* of the request to the Secretary-General to start a process towards enhanced cooperation, as referred to in paragraphs 69 to 71 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society of the second phase of the Summit,⁴ and expects information thereon to be included in his annual report;

3. *Requests* the United Nations organizations acting as action line facilitators, the regional commissions, the main theme facilitators, the Global Alliance for Information and Communications Technologies and Development and other entities, as appropriate, to submit to the secretariat of the Commission in a timely manner their respective reports, with their own executive summaries, as inputs for the elaboration of the annual report of the Secretary-General to the Commission;

4. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to use to the extent possible the above-mentioned executive summaries in drafting the annual report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit;

5. *Also requests* the secretariat of the Commission to publish the reports submitted on its website, in their original language, as contributions to the next session of the Commission;

6. *Requests* the action line facilitators and the regional commissions to establish and keep open channels of communication with all stakeholders and include information on their implementation efforts in their respective reports, as appropriate;

7. *Invites* all stakeholders to establish and/or to keep open channels of communication with the action line facilitators and/or the regional commissions and to report to them on their implementation efforts, so that such efforts may be appropriately reflected and the relevant knowledge, practices and outcomes shared for the benefit of all;

8. *Recommends* that the Summit cluster of events be held annually in Geneva back to back with the World Information Society Day, observed on 17 May, and close enough to the session of the Commission to allow for the scheduling in the Commission agenda of an interactive dialogue with the regional commissions and another with the leading facilitating agencies, both of which should include the participation of all Summit stakeholders and serve as a linkage between implementation and follow-up.

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⁴ See the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Summit on the Information Society (A/60/687).