



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 March, 2014

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 26 March, 2014, from H.E. Mr. Jarmo Viinanen, Permanent Representative of Finland and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, Co-Facilitators for the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, attaching the zero draft of a modalities resolution for your consideration.

In this regard, I would like to encourage Member States to provide written comments and/or inputs before the next informal meeting on Monday, 7 April, 2014, as requested in the attached letter.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

To All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
To the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



PERMANENT MISSION OF TUNISIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

26 March 2014

Excellency,

As the co-facilitators for the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, we would like to thank delegations for their continuing engagement on this issue.

We would like to ask Member States to provide their written comments/inputs to the enclosed zero draft of a modalities resolution, to be considered as a basis for negotiations, before our next informal meeting which will be held on Monday, 7 April 2014 at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Jarmo Viinanen
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Finland to the United Nations

Mohamed Khaled Khiari
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Tunisia to the United Nations

To all Permanent Representatives and
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“Modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society at its first phase, held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003, and endorsed by the General Assembly, and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the Summit at its second phase, held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005, and endorsed by the Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda, in which the General Assembly was requested to make an overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit in 2015,

Recalling further its resolution 68/198 of 20 December 2013 and, in particular, paragraph 22 by which it decided to finalize the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society to be held in 2015,

Recognizing the role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in assisting the Economic and Social Council as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up, in particular the review and assessment of the progress made in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, while at the same time maintaining its original mandate on science and technology for development,

1. Decides to convene a high-level meeting of the plenary to conduct the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society on 20-21 July 2015 (or 1-2 October 2015);
2. Decides that the overall review shall take stock of the progress made in implementing the WSIS outcomes, identify gaps and reaffirm the political commitment to respond to the challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and to promote information and communications technologies for development;
3. Also decides that the overall review will consist of an opening plenary meeting on the first day from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., two consecutive round tables on the first day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and two consecutive round tables on the second day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., followed by a closing plenary meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
4. Decides that the speakers at the opening plenary meeting will be as follows: the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, and a representative United Nations system, private sector and civil society who will be chosen from among non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as those who were duly accredited to the World Summit on the

Information Society to be recommended by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States;

5. Decides further that the organizational arrangements of the round tables will be as follows:
 - a) The round tables will address the overall theme of “Reviewing the progress and challenges in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”;
 - (b) Each round table will be chaired at the Ministerial level or other high official level to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly;
 - (c) Participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, private sector and civil society and non-governmental organizations;
 - (d) The President of the General Assembly shall draw up a list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as those who were duly accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society, who may participate in the high-level meeting;
 - (e) The President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of representative of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, taking into account the principle of transparency and the principle of equitable geographic representation, and submit the proposed list to Member States on a non-objection basis for their consideration and bring the list to the attention of the Assembly;
6. Decides that the closing plenary meeting will comprise the presentation of summaries of the round tables and the adoption of a concise, focused, action-oriented outcome document.