



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 February, 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter, dated 4 February 2016, from the co-Facilitators for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), H.E. Mr. Jānis Mažeiks, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia, and H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, informing that the final outcome document of the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes has been issued, and expressing appreciation for Member States' support throughout the review process.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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



Permanent Mission of Latvia
to the United Nations



PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK

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Excellency,

As the co-facilitators of the General Assembly's review of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10), we are pleased to inform you that the final outcome document, (A/RES/70/125), adopted during the High Level Meeting from 15-16 December, 2015, has been issued in all six UN languages. It may be found on the official document system of the UN and through the following link:

http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/125

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to you, and your delegation, for your efforts to reach consensus throughout the review process. Over the past six months, we took stock of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of WSIS, identified gaps and areas for continued focus, and addressed the remaining challenges, including bridging the digital divide and harnessing ICT for development. Concluding a year of landmark agreements in the area of development, together, we decided on a common framework for the way ahead to achieving a people-centered, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society.

The President of the General Assembly (PGA) played a particularly important guiding role in ensuring the inclusivity and quality of discussions throughout the review process, which was integral to its success and for which we are most grateful. Special thanks must also go to the Secretariat and specialized UN agencies for their substantive support and advice throughout the process, which ensured its quality and relevance.

Collectively, we have reinforced the WSIS process as an unprecedented platform for collaboration among governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and the technical community. The review process saw a resounding reaffirmation of the WSIS vision, and further strengthened it by linking it to the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development. The strong consensus around harnessing the potential of ICTs as a critical enabler of all 17 Sustainable Development Goals was a driving force of the review, and allowed for a strategic relationship between this essential element of the WSIS vision and the post-2015 agenda. In the spirit of "leaving no one behind", we renewed and strengthened our commitment to achieving equitable, high quality, relevant, universal access to ICTs and bridging the digital divide within and between countries.

Connecting the remaining 60 percent of people currently without Internet access globally is a challenging task that will require the full collaboration of all stakeholders. The outcome document

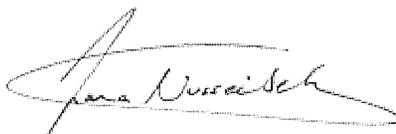
acknowledges the value and principles of the multi-stakeholder model that have characterized the WSIS since its inception, as complimentary to and reinforcing of multilateral, transparent and democratic processes in the area of internet governance. In the review we took note of the importance of multi-stakeholder cooperation and called for the strengthening of mutually reinforcing platforms to tackle emerging challenges, including building confidence and security in the use of ICTs, and ensuring the maintenance of respect for human rights. Negotiations were highly constructive in finding an agreement on a balanced outcome document, thereby providing a positive thrust for the further development of the Information Society, which relies on the engagement of all stakeholders within their respective roles and responsibilities.

The adopted outcome document builds a firm foundation for the future. We thank you for your support throughout the review process, and are confident that the WSIS+10 review represents an important milestone towards the realization of the WSIS vision and our shared commitment to implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Please accept, Excellency, assurances of our highest consideration.



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