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68/302.xx/xx 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 2003,¹ and endorsed by the General Assembly,² 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 2005,³ and endorsed by the Assembly,⁴

Recalling the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society⁵, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2015also paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda, in which the General Assembly was requested to undertake the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 20152025, and in this regard reaffirming the centrality of the General Assembly to this process;

Recognizing that the overall review will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Tunis Agenda,

~~Welcoming the convening of the Summit of the Future on 22-23 September 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York at which resolution 79/1 entitled “The Pact for the Future” and its annexes were adopted.~~

Recalling its resolution 68/198-79/194 of 20 December 2013-2024 and, in particular, paragraph 62 22 thereof in which it decided to finalize the modalities for

¹ See A/C.2/59/3, annex.

² See resolution 59/220.

³ See A/60/687.

⁴ See resolution 60/252.

⁵ See resolution 70/125.



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~~ 2025 in accordance with paragraph ~~44-71~~ of the ~~Tunis Agenda~~ General Assembly resolution 70/125,

— *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 concerning science and technology for development, and the work carried out by the Commission to that effect,

Reaffirming that science, innovation and technology, including information and communications technologies, are essential enablers and drivers for the achievement of the ~~Millennium~~ Sustainable Development Goals and the promotion of the economic, social and environmental components of sustainable development and should be given due consideration in the elaboration of the post-20~~30~~45 development agenda,

~~*Recalling also the outcome document of the high level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2025, in which it recommended that the outcome of the high level meeting be considered as an input into the review process for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in this regard reaffirming that information and communications technologies are essential enablers and drivers for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.*~~

— *Noting* that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should submit after its ~~twenty-eighth~~ session, by June 20~~4~~25, its report on the ~~4~~20-year review of progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly,

~~*Noting the holding of the World Summit on the Information Society Forum, and looking forward to the “WSIS+20 Forum High-level Event”, to be held in Geneva in 2025.*~~

1. *Decides* that the overall review will be concluded by a two-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly, to be preceded by an intergovernmental preparatory process that also takes into account inputs from all relevant stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society;

2. *Also decides* to convene the high-level meeting of the General Assembly, at the highest possible level, ~~in on 16-17 December 2015~~ 2025, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

3. *Further decides* that the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, will invite, in addition to all Member and observer States and observers, representatives of all relevant stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society to speak during the high-level meeting, and in this regard also encourages the participation of those stakeholders in the meeting;

4. *Decides* that the overall review by the General Assembly shall take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and address potential information and communications

technology gaps and areas for continued focus, as well as addressing challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and harnessing information and communications technologies for development;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in ~~June~~ May 202~~15~~¹⁵, to appoint two co-facilitators to lead, on the basis of, among other relevant inputs, submissions from Member and observer States and observers, and the final report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, an intergovernmental negotiation process, which will include preparatory meetings, resulting in an intergovernmentally agreed outcome document, for adoption at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly;

6. *Decides* that during the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, the President of the General Assembly will organize informal interactive consultations with all relevant stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society, in order to collect their inputs for the intergovernmental negotiation process.

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