



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 March 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 13 March 2014 from 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, H.E. Mr. Jarmo Vinnanen, Permanent Representative of Finland and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, attaching a zero draft resolution for your consideration.

The Co-Facilitators are also inviting Member States to informal consultations on Tuesday, 18 March 2014 at 10 a.m.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "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

13 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 wish to thank delegations for their active participation in the informal consultations.

Based on the views expressed in the informal consultations, we have produced a zero draft of a modalities resolution for consideration by Member States. We have tried to find middle ground that would be acceptable to all and wish that delegations will continue to engage in a constructive spirit.

We would like to invite you to the next round of informal informal consultations, to be held on Tuesday, 18 March 10.00 a.m. in conference room 6 (NLB).

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

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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.