



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 May, 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. Jarmo Viinanen, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations, in their capacity as co-facilitators for the intergovernmental consultations on the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

In this communication the co-facilitators convey an invitation to the next informal meeting which is scheduled for 3:00pm on Friday, 23 May in Conference Room A of the Conference Building.

I encourage Member States to actively participate in the discussions on this important matter.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Ashe". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

20 May 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 invite you to the next informal meeting on Friday, 23 May 2014 at 3 p.m. in the conference room A (CB).

Attached you will find a proposal which we hope could serve as the basis for starting negotiations.

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,

PP1. 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,

PP2. 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,

PP3. 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, in accordance with paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda, to be held in 2015,

PP4. 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, and the work carried out by the Commission to that effect,

PP5. Reaffirming that science, innovation and technology, including ICT's, are essential enablers and drivers for the achievement of the Millennium 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-2015 development agenda

PP6. Noting that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should submit, after its eighteenth session, its ten-year review of progress made in the implementation of the World Summit outcomes, through the Economic and Social Council, to the UN General Assembly

OP1. Decides that the overall review will consist of a two-day Special Event of the United Nations General Assembly as well as a preparatory process prior to this event.

OP2. Decides to convene the UNGA Special Event during December 2015.

OP3. Further decides that this overall review of the United Nations General Assembly shall take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, address potential gaps and

areas for continued focus, as well as address challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and harness information and communications technologies for development,

OP4. Decides to encourage participation by the member states, observer states and observers, and representatives of entities within the UN system, at the highest possible level to the General Assembly Special Event which shall be organized in accordance with the General Assembly rules of procedures and applicable to WSIS practices relating to the participation of representatives of all other relevant WSIS stakeholders, including intergovernmental and international organizations, business sector, private sector, civil society, and academic and technical communities;

OP5. Requests the President of the General Assembly, after the Commission on Science and Technology for Development has submitted its final report, to appoint two co-facilitators to lead intergovernmental negotiations which will result in a concise, focused and action-oriented outcome document.

OP6. Also decides that during the preparatory process for the General Assembly Special Event, the President of the General Assembly will organize informal consultations with other relevant WSIS stakeholders, in order to collect their inputs for the outcome document.