



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 July, 2014

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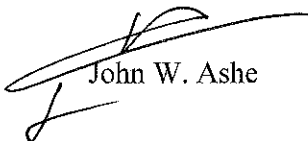
I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 30 June, 2014, from H.E. Mr. Jarmo Viinainen, Permanent Representative of Finland, and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, Co-Facilitators for the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Under cover of this letter, the Co-Facilitators have prepared a final draft resolution which they believe represents their sincere attempt to maintain a balance between the various positions and concerns of Member States.

The Co-Facilitators also inform all delegations that this draft is under silent procedure until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, 3 July, 2014. Should the silence be unbroken, this draft resolution will be submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly in due course.

I take this opportunity to thank the Co-Facilitators for their tireless efforts and work in the implementation of their mandate and I commend all delegations for the flexibility and the constructive spirit which they have displayed during the negotiations leading to this important outcome.

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


John W. Ashe

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



PERMANENT MISSION OF TUNISIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

30 June 2014

Excellency,

We have the honour to refer to the intergovernmental consultations of the General Assembly on finalizing "the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the world Summit on the Information Society" that we have had the honour to co-facilitate on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, based on paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda and the General Assembly resolution 68/198 of 20 December 2013.

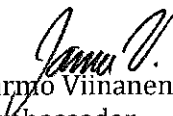
We are very grateful for the constructive and cooperative feedback we received from all delegations during the informal consultations process. In formulating this draft, we have worked hard to take into consideration the various proposals and opinions expressed by Member States during that process.

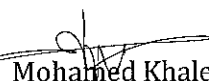
Though naturally we could not incorporate every proposal and input that we received throughout the consultation process, we believe that this final draft includes the most important and useful elements of our discussions on the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and it represents our sincere attempt to maintain a balance between the various positions and concerns of the Member States.

We would like to reiterate our gratitude for your active and constructive engagement and share with you the final draft resolution which we believe represents a sensitive balanced document taking into consideration the views and concerns expressed by Member States during the process.

We would like to inform all delegations that this text is placed under silent procedure until Thursday, 3 July at 4 p.m.

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
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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 the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2015, and in this regard reaffirming the centrality of the General Assembly to this process,

PP3. Recognizing that the overall review will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Tunis Agenda,

PP4. 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,

PP5. 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,

PP6. 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,

PP7. Noting that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should submit, after its eighteenth session, by June 2015 its ten-year review of progress made in the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes, through the Economic and Social Council, to the UN General Assembly,

OP1. Decides that the overall review will be concluded by a two-day High Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, to be preceded by an intergovernmental preparatory process which also takes into account inputs from all relevant WSIS stakeholders,

OP2. Decides to convene the High Level Meeting of the UNGA at the highest possible level during December 2015, in accordance with the General Assembly rules of procedure,

OP3. 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 WSIS stakeholders to speak during the High Level Meeting, and in this regard also encourages participation of all relevant WSIS stakeholders in the meeting,

OP4. 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 ICT gaps and areas for continued focus, as well as address challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and harness information and communications technologies for development,

OP5. Requests the President of the General Assembly, in June 2015, to appoint two co-facilitators to lead, based on, among other relevant inputs, including submissions from Member and Observer States and observers, as well as 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 UN General Assembly,

OP6. Also 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 WSIS stakeholders, in order to collect their inputs for the intergovernmental negotiation process.