



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 July, 2014

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 1 July, 2014, I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 3 July, 2014, from H.E. Mr. Jarmo Viinanen, 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.

The Co-Facilitators inform that no delegation has broken the silent procedure on the final draft resolution, which is attached to their communication and also enclosed hereto.

This draft resolution will be submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly in the days ahead.

I once again thank the Co-Facilitators for their tireless efforts and work in the implementation of their mandate and 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Ashe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John W. Ashe

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

3 July 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 are pleased to inform you that no delegation has broken the silent procedure on the attached final draft resolution.

We are very grateful for the constructive and cooperative engagement we received from all delegations during the informal consultation process.

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

Jarmo Viinanen
Ambassador

Mohamed Khaled Khiari
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Tunisia to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe
President of the 68th Session of the
United Nations General Assembly
New York

“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.