

24 July 2015

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 23 July 2015 from the Co-Facilitators for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), H.E. Mr. Jānis Mažeiks, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia, and H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of United Arab Emirates, with a reminder for submissions on the structure and content of the outcome document by July 31 2015.

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

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To All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York







22 July, 2015

Excellencies,

The Permanent Missions of Latvia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the United Nations present their compliments to the Member States, Observer States and Observers and would like to provide two updates on the General Assembly's overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

First, we would like to thank you for the valuable inputs received during the First Preparatory Meeting on 1 July, as well as during the stakeholder consultation organized by the President of the General Assembly on 2 July. The statements and discussions identified many issues that the review will need to address, and began to indicate the level of ambition that might be feasible for the outcome document to be adopted 15-16 December at the conclusion of the review. We will take these inputs into account for the non-paper, to be released at the end of August and which will be the first step toward the outcome document. The Secretariat has kindly prepared summary of the First Preparatory Meeting. available at http://unpan3.un.org/wsis10/1julypreparatorymeeting.

Second, we would like to remind that the deadline for written submissions on the desired structure and content of the outcome document is 31 July. This is an opportunity to expand or modify statements made during the 1 July meeting, as well as to receive inputs from Member States, Observer State, and Observers who were not able to participate.

Guiding questions and a description of the submission process are available at http://unpan3.un.org/wsis10/submissionguidelines. We strongly encourage Member States, Observer State, and Observers to contribute. Following the release of the non-paper, you will again be invited to submit comments electronically through the second week of September.

These inputs will be the basis for the zero-draft to be released during the last week of September. An overview of the timeline to December is available at http://unpan3.un.org/wsis10/preparatoryprocess.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York Should your office require additional information, Ms. Elina Volksone, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Latvia (<u>Elina.Volksone@mfa.gov.lv</u>) and Ms. Khaula Ali Khamis Alshamsi, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the UAE, (<u>k.alshamsi@mofa.gov.ae</u>) are available to answer any further questions.

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

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