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3 August 2015

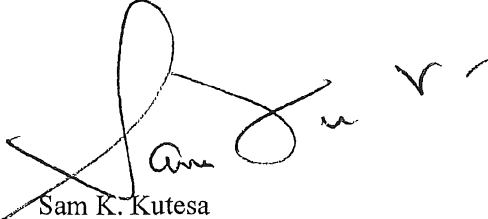
Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter dated 3 August 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, on the Second Preparatory Meeting, scheduled for 20-22 October 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

During the meeting, Member States, Observer States, and Observers will provide their inputs on the zero-draft of the outcome document. A concept note and agenda for the meeting will be availed in due course.

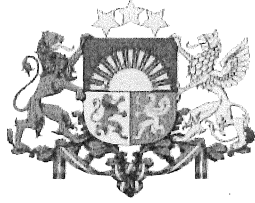
The meeting will be preceded by multi-stakeholder consultations organized by the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session, on 19 October 2015.

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



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Excellencies,

As co-facilitators of the General Assembly's overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), we have the honour of inviting your esteemed delegations to the Second Preparatory Meeting, which will take place from Tuesday 20 October to Thursday 22 October 2015 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

In this meeting, Member States, Observer States, and Observers will provide their inputs on the zero-draft of the outcome document and offer reflections on its different elements. Given the short timeline for the review, the Second Preparatory Meeting is currently envisioned as an opportunity to build consensus on all relevant topics before the conclusion of the review at the 15-16 December High Level Meeting. A concept note and agenda for the Second Preparatory Meeting will be distributed in due course, but the session will consist largely of plenary discussion of each section of the zero-draft of the outcome document.

The Second Preparatory Meeting will be preceded by a multi-stakeholder consultation, organized by the President of the General Assembly (PGA), on Monday 19 October 2015. A separate agenda and concept note for this event will be distributed by the PGA in the coming weeks.

To date, the WSIS+10 review process has gathered verbal and written inputs from Member and Observer States, observers, and representatives of all relevant stakeholders on progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS, potential information and communications technology gaps and areas for continued focus, as well as challenges, including bridging the digital divide and harnessing information and communications technologies for development. These inputs include a stocktaking session on 10-11 June, the first preparatory meeting on 1 July, and a PGA-organized stakeholder consultation on 2 July 2015, in addition to WSIS reviews conducted by UNESCO, ITU, and UNCTAD's Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

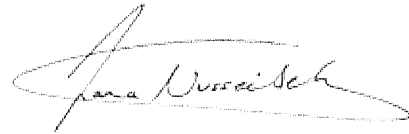
As set out in the revised Roadmap, a non-paper based on these inputs will be released at the end of August for comments through mid-September. The zero-draft will then be released in the last week of September and Member States, Observer States, Observers, and representatives of all relevant stakeholders will again be invited to provide comments through 15 October, so that positions are clearly understood and can frame the second preparatory meeting in October. The process timeline is available at <http://unpan3.un.org/ws10/preparatoryprocess>.

Should your delegations require additional information, Ms. Elina Volksone, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Latvia, (Elina.Volksone@mfa.gov.lv) and Ms. Khaula Ali Khamis Alshamsi, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the UAE, (k.alshamsi@mofa.gov.ae) are available. In addition, regular updates on the overall review will be posted at <http://unpan3.un.org/wsis10/>.

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



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