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Subject:

Announcing next Phases of the UNGIS Open Consultations on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society Outcomes (WSIS+10)

Dear Sir/Madam,

In my capacity as the UNGIS Chair 2011-12, I am pleased to inform you about the next phases of the Open Consultations Process on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society Outcomes (WSIS+10).

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcome documents and the UN General Assembly Resolution 60/252 resolved to conduct an overall review of the implementation of the Summit outcomes in 2015. In April 2011, the UN Chief Executives Board (CEB) tasked UNGIS to prepare, on the basis of an open consultation, an Action Plan to organize high-level meeting on the WSIS Review. The Action Plan would be presented to the CEB meeting in April 2012, and would take into consideration the support of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development served by UNCTAD.

In this context, marking as a starting point in the UNGIS Open Consultation Process, a physical consultation meeting was organized on 20 May 2011, the concluding day of the recent WSIS Forum. The executive summary of all statements and the video recording are available on the UNGIS website at <a href="https://www.ungis.org">www.ungis.org</a>.

Building upon the outcomes of this meeting and open and inclusive multistakeholder WSIS spirit, please find below the planned schedule for conducting the open consultation process:

- Phase One: First Physical Meeting during the WSIS Forum 2011 (20 May 2011; completed)
- Phase Two: Online Consultation: www.wsis-community.org (15 June 1 September 2011)
- Phase Three: Submission of Formal Contributions: www.ungis.org (Until 1 September 2011)
- Phase Four: Elaboration of the Draft Action Plan (By 15 September 2011)
- Phase Five: Second Physical Meeting (20 September 2011)
- Phase Six: Presentation of the Outcomes: Action Plan (5 October 2011)

The UNGIS Chair and Vice-Chairs would like to encourage all stakeholders to activate their networks to help ensure that the UNGIS Open Consultation Process (WSIS+10) remains a fully-inclusive process respecting the voice of each stakeholder, enabling UNGIS to build a plan of action, which addresses the real needs. The Open Consultation Process is open to all WSIS Stakeholders.

Relevant documentation for the Open Consultations is made available at <a href="www.ungis.org">www.ungis.org</a>. Should you have any questions regarding the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the UNGIS secretariat at <a href="contact@ungis.org">contact@ungis.org</a>.

Yours faithfully,

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