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Good evening

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this important Statement

http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/CI/CI/pdf/input_draft_statement.pdf

Our comments on draft text are as follows:

Paragraph 1.1

We believe a 1.1 bis is required that expressly calls for the the UN to renew the mandate of the IGF (during UNGA Session this year) for a further 10 years;
and also calls for the UNGA (during the High Level Meeting at the UNGA called to review the WSIS Outcomes) to endorse the need for continuation of the WSIS process as, inter-alia, a process to implement the
(agreed) Sustainable Development Goals;

Paragraph 1.3

We believe in addition to stakeholders participating in discussions relating to policies and laws with respect to the Internet; they should also have a role in the adoption of such global standards and policies;

Paragraph 2.3

We believe mention here is needed of the role that the WSIS process (and annual Forum) play in ensuring the implantation of the SDGs in terms of ICT deployment;

Paragraph 4.3

While supporting appropriate measures to enhance user security and privacy we would seek further clarification as to the whether there is a *balance* between privacy and transparency measures;

Paragraph 7.1 and 7.2

We also believe that UNESCO has an important role to play in contribution to the SDGs and to the continuation of the WSIS process.

Best

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