

Statement by the Japanese Government for the 3rd meeting of the WGIG

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Let me first congratulate Mr. Nitin Desai, Chairman of the Working Group on Internet Governance, Mr. Markus Kummer, Executive Coordinator, and all members of the Working Group for their excellent work.

International discussion on Internet Governance is important to the growth and future potential of the Information Society, and indeed for the success of the WSIS process itself.

In the upcoming discussions as a prelude to the July meeting, the WGIG is mandated to prepare a final report in accordance with the WSIS Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action. It is important that the potential Internet Governance mechanism to be proposed by WGIG, embodies WSIS principles such as multilateralism, transparency and democratic values, with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, civil society and international organizations.

Additionally, a successful outcome for the WSIS discussions depends on what is possible and what is practical.

The proposals are expected to include responsive and effective solutions for issues concerned with due consideration given to the rapid technological development lead by the private sector. It is expected that the WGIG will provide analysis and evaluation of the internet governance mechanism and to make proposals considering pragmatic rationale.

In this sense, plural options approach is expected in areas where there is a difference of views in order to facilitate the WSIS process, not to limit it.

Finally, Japan wishes every success to the WGIG in its consideration of the final report.

Thank you.