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## **Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation**

Amendments/additional recommendations to document
"Compilation of recommendations contained in contributions from
WGEC members and Observers to the two guiding questions agreed
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## Q1: What are the high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation?

The concept of enhanced cooperation should have the following major characteristics:

- It should attend only to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters. (Para. 69 Tunis Agenda)
- The players in this sphere are only governments; as public authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. (Para. 35-a Tunis Agenda)
- Governments should be enabled to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. (Para. 69 Tunis Agenda)
- It should cover the concept of coordination and management of critical Internet resources. (Para. 70 Tunis Agenda)
- Universality of the exercise: All governments should be allowed to participate with no exception.
- Equal footing: No discrimination among governments in carrying out their roles and responsibilities. (Para. 69 Tunis Agenda)
- Applicability of the outcomes: Outcomes should be able to be applied through an international mechanism after they are devised.

## Q2: Taking into consideration the work of the previous WGEC and the Tunis Agenda, particularly paragraphs 69-71, what kind of recommendations should we consider?

- Define roles and responsibilities of the governments.

- Draft the enabling factors for the governments to exercise those roles and responsibilities.
- Develop globally-applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources.
  - Identify international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.
- Establish an intergovernmental mechanism to regulate and coordinate the relations of governments on international Internet governance.