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outcomes**

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Dear Dr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 July 2014 addressed to Mr. Gurría. Although the OECD was not specifically part of the Tunis Agenda and the Tunis Commitment, and therefore has no follow-up commitments, we have always been willing to co-operate with other international organisations. We are pleased to continue to provide information on our work to enhance co-operation on public policy issues pertaining to the digital economy. The lines of action of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) are however very broad and touch on a great deal of work at the OECD, across many areas of public policy.

In particular, we would like to highlight the outcomes of the 2013 review of the Seoul Declaration on the Future of the Internet Economy which examined progress made in seven key areas from access to the Internet via a high-speed infrastructure, to digital content and green ICTs, to trust issues to global participation for development. The latter, in particular, looked at market and policy developments supporting access to the Internet and related ICTs for people in developing countries and the identification of future needs (<http://www.oecd.org/sti/ieconomy/internet-economy-on-the-rise.htm>).

We would also like to point to a research study, published in 2013, conducted by the OECD, the Internet Society (ISOC) and UNESCO on the relationship between that local content, Internet infrastructure and access prices (http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/the-relationship-between-local-content-internet-development-and-access-prices_5k4c1rq2bqvk-en).

In addition, we would like to inform you that the OECD has published its 2013 Communications Outlook (<http://www.oecd.org/sti/broadband/communications-outlook.htm>).

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Besides, the OECD is contributing to the **Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development**, particularly as regards the assessment of the impact of ICT and the WSIS Targets Review. As part of this engagement, the OECD also participated in the WSIS Forum 2012, 14-18 May, Geneva and in the 2012 and 2013 IGF meetings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Wyckoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

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