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## **IT for Change on behalf of WSIS Gender Caucus**

### **WSIS GENDER CAUCUS COMMENTS ON THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE**

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The WSIS Gender Caucus believes that simply setting up an organisational structure as suggested by the WGIG will not be enough, since Internet Governance functions will require decision-making about substantive public policy issues. Effective mechanisms for making and operationalising these decisions will require legal-institutional frameworks on which governments will need to agree. For this purpose, sustained negotiations between governments and the other stakeholders - civil society and private sector - may be required in a treaty or convention framework. However the need for such negotiations should not be used as an excuse (in the current negotiations) to maintain the status quo and not implement the Internet Governance structures as recommended by the WGIG, and agreed upon at the WSIS. Further negotiations towards a treaty framework should build on new Internet Governance structures as agreed.