Input from Tiye International,
in Special Consultative Status with the ECOSOC
to the Draft Declaration and Action plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

Tiye International, the Platform of National Organisations of Black, Migrant and Refugee Women in The Netherlands agreed as stated in the Draft Declaration of principles that the Information Society must serve the interest of all nations in a manner that secure the fair, balanced and harmonious development of all people of the world.

However important in this concept is to pay extra attention to groups of people who face social exclusion and forms of multiple discrimation. In this context Tiye International proposes to substitute marginalized and vulnerable groups by groups that face forms of multiple discrimination.

Draft Declaration WSIS
Add everywhere also in page 3 number 14 when you categories migrant **ADD** *'black and migrant' (see categories Article 13 of the Treaty of Amsterdam).*
In this way the different constraints are overcomed and all women will benefit equally from the increased use of ICTs. The **gender perspectives** should be taken into consideration in all the key principles areas.

Under **Paragraph 2** Access to information and knowledge.
Article 23 **ADD** after accessible *and applicable*
Article 25 **ADD: *'race and ethnicity'*** (According Article 13 Treaty of Amsterdam)
Article 26 **ADD: *'as well in the public as well as in the private sphere including SMEs and ICTs manufacturing capabilities'***

Under **Paragraph 4** Capacity building
Article 31 **ADD** after people with disability: ***'and all others facing forms of multiple discrimination'.***

Draft Action Plan WSIS
Some general remarks.

1. Tiye International would like to see that it is made possible for children of single parents and poor families to also have access to computers. This is an important step to break through the transmission of poverty to the next generation and people that face forms of multiple discrimination.
2. Governments should give the civil society and NGOs the possibility to organise their target groups so they can procure information about their interest and opportunities to come out of social exclusion.
3. Support taining initiatives in information management and production skills for grassroots organisations in developed countries **but also in the poorest parts of developed countries and to NGO0s from people that suffers forms of multiple discrimination.**

Under article17 Cooperation among Stakeholders
In a new dash **ADD: '*Governments and the private sector should give financial support to civil society, inclusive NGOs to accomplish access to ICT* '**

Article 21 ICTs in education
Article 21 2nd dash after: ICT should also be incorporated in school curricula **ADD** '*and community centres'.*

Tiye International
30 May 2003