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The contributions were delivered by participants, including policy-makers, consumer groups, Internet service providers, software companies, academics and civil society organizations, to exchange experiences and share views. The meeting aimed to identify a number of policy priorities and possible solutions to addressing the problems of spam in a comprehensive and coordinated manner, focusing in particular on the development of international cooperative measures.

Among other things, the contributions delivered by the participants looked at the problem of finding a common approach to spam, and analyse issues ranging from technical solutions, different legislative approaches and international cooperation among different stakeholders. Also looked at is the problem of consumer awareness and education. Experiences of individual countries illustrate both problems and approaches.

The aim of the event and of this publication is to assist ITU membership and the wider interested public in the identification of a number of possible solutions and policy priorities to address the problem of spam in a more comprehensive and coordinated manner, focusing in particular on the role of international and multi-stakeholder cooperation. The output of the thematic meeting is also intended as a contribution to the preparatory process for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

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