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Dear **Secretary General Tourè**:

Thank you for informing the Philippine Administration on the upcoming first meeting of the Informal Expert Group pertaining to the Fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) to be held on 24 June 2008 in Geneva, aimed at discussing the first draft of the Report of the Secretary-General.

In this regard, we would like to inform you that the Philippine Administration through the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) appreciates the efforts done by the ITU in preparing for the first draft report of the Secretary-General. In relation to this, we have attached our comments/inputs for your consideration.

Finally, may we nominate **Engr. Rogelio V. Cabana**, Officer in Charge, Telecommunications Policy and Planning Division, DOTC and **Engr. Edgardo V. Cabarios**, Director, Common Carrier and Authorization Department, National Telecommunications Commission to become members of the informal expert group. We would highly appreciate receiving any information regarding WTPF through emails at rvcabana@gmail.com and ccad@ntc.gov.ph or fax at +63 2 9260697 and +63 2 928 9171.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

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PHILIPPINE COMMENT

FIRST DRAFT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT

for the fourth World Telecommunication Policy Forum 2009 on convergence and emerging policy issues

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the ITU in providing a forum for developing countries like the Philippine Administration to know and understand better the emerging telecommunication policy and regulatory issues, including internet-related public policy matters.

Please find below our detailed comments.

PREAMBLE

i., ii, and iii. May we suggest writing **Plenipotentiary Conference (Venue, year conducted) e. g. Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994)** so as to be consistent with ITU documents. For the Council document, may we suggest writing **(C and the last digit of the year the Council Resolution was adopted) e.g. (C0) for Council 2000**, to be consistent with Council documents.

vi. Please specify the composition of the experts, e.g. ITU Member States, Sector Members, etc.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.5 5th sentence – May we suggest rephrasing the sentence so as to give more clarity.

2. AN ERA OF CONVERGENCE

2.1 May we suggest including the definition of Convergence if ITU has any literature that defines it. If there is none, it is suggested that ITU or the WTPF defines the said technology development.

2.2 May we suggest changing the word coupled into a more appropriate term. Also please provide example to give the reader a clearer understanding

2.3 Please provide reference, e.g. a study or a paper, saying that FMC was the first form of network convergence, for additional info to the reader.

2.5 2nd sentence - May we suggest rephrasing this sentence so as to give clarity.

2.7 May we suggest including **Convergence can be expected to have an impact on E-Government, because converged communication facilities could be used to disseminate information more quickly and efficiently**, as one item after 2.6.

4. INTERNET-RELATED PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

4.7.3.3 May we suggest providing a source of the survey so as to make the statement for reference and further understanding of the reader.