8 Bilateral meetings and consultation

Since his election in July 2002, the President of PrepCom has held bilateral meetings or consultations with top authorities in the two host countries (the president and the minister of foreign affairs of the Swiss Confederation, and the Tunisian prime minister, minister of communication and minister of foreign affairs), regional conferences preparing for WSIS (the president and the minister of foreign affairs, minister for international cooperation, and minister for communication and new information technologies of Mali; the president and the minister for telecommunication of Romania; the prime minister and minister for telecommunication of Japan; and the president, vice-president and the Secretary of state of Telecommunications of the Dominican Republic). He has also met with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his staff in New York, with the directors-general of United Nations agencies and international organizations in Geneva, and with a large number of heads of permanent missions to the international organizations in Geneva involved in WSIS. The President used these meetings (in some cases, more than one meeting) to inform his listeners about Summit preparations, issues and objectives, and, above all, to share with them his vision of the overall process.