Chairman of Sub-Committee 2

DRAFT REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE 2

Sub-committee 2 met nine times during PrepCom 2 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr Yasuaki Nogawa (Japan) and took the following action:

(i) A small Working Group was set up under the Chairmanship of Mr Adama Samassekou, President of PrepCom, to work on the establishment of a general structure for the draft Declaration of Principles and Action Plan of the World Summit. This general structure was approved, as a basis for further work, by the Subcommittee on Friday 21 February.

(ii) The Executive Secretariat was requested to revise the compilation document on the outcomes of regional conferences. The revised document is contained in document (Doc.WSIS/PC-2/DT/1(Rev.2)-E).

(iii) A Working Group, open to all States, was established under the Chair of Ms. Lyndall Shope-Mafolie (South Africa) to begin work on the draft Declaration of Principles and Action Plan of the World Summit on the Information Society. The Observers’ statements, for a period of about thirty minutes, were heard each day in Subcommittee 2 immediately after the daily progress report of the Chair of the Working Group.

As of Thursday, 27 February 2003, the Working Group was open to all Observers.

(iv) The Chair of the Working Group informed the Subcommittee, in the afternoon of Thursday, 27 February 2003, of the progress it had made on the draft Declaration and Action Plan. It was noted that because of time constraints, it had not been possible to include all inputs received in these draft working documents but that they had been noted in synthesis tables, which would be further updated. The Working Group recommended to the Subcommittee that:

(a) the two documents (WSIS/PC-2/DT/2 and WSIS/PC-2/DT/3 and the synthesis document relating to WSIS/PC-2/DT/3, as revised) annexed to its report, and which represent work in progress from the Working Group, serve as the basic working documents for the further work of the PrepCom. All of the text would be in square brackets.
(b) the Chair of the Working Group, with the help of the Executive Secretariat, be mandated to complete the work of incorporating the comments made to the two documents and provide a revised draft by 21 March 2003. The working documents would then be posted on the website and sent to all accredited participants.

[(c) the inputs from the Observers at the meetings be incorporated into the revised documents.]

[(v) The Subcommittee took note of the report of the Chair of the Working Group and agreed to recommend to the Plenary that the two documents (WSIS/PC-2/DT/2 and WSIS/PC-2/DT/3) attached to its report, once revised, should serve as the basic working documents for the further work of the PrepCom].

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