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CCBI comments on the possible draft text for paras 10, 11 and 29 of the Operational Document

Comments based on the Input to the 7th meeting
of the WSIS Group of Friends of the Chair (GFC)
Possible draft text for paras 10, 11 and 29 of the Operational Document

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Paragraph 11 – CCBI urges that we assure the sustainability of progress towards the outcomes of WSIS, not the sustainability of the process.

Paragraph 11c – Should be deleted. Implementation is not an appropriate time for further debate.
"Review" is already covered in 11b under "evaluation".

Paragraph 12d – It is unclear who undertakes this and what happens to the report. CCBI suggests that assessments of this kind are best done by multiple agencies with multistakeholder involvement.

Paragraph 13a – “could carry out WSIS implementation activities” is unclear. CCBI recommends replacing it with “...could evaluate information society development”
In addition CCBI recommends replacing “organizing policy debate” with “facilitate policy debate”.

Paragraph 14b – Instead of "Each UN agency", CCBI suggests using the “stakeholder groups”.

Paragraph 14c – Instead of "coordination of multistakeholder activities", CCBI suggests "awareness of multistakeholder activities".

Paragraph 14d – the bracket [, such as the ITU-led initiative "Connect the World"] should be deleted. There are other (existing or upcoming) examples of partnerships, and mentioning one specific example might lead to lengthy and fruitless discussions on the importance of individual projects.

Paragraph 14e – CCBI recommends the following edited version of paragraph 14e: “The modalities of coordination of implementation activities among the UN agencies should be defined by the UN Secretary General on the basis of existing practices within the UN system [and within the WSIS], using the experience of, and the activities undertaken by, UN agencies in the WSIS process – notably ITU, UNESCO and UNDP”.

Chapter Four: The way ahead

In general, these paragraphs are fairly redundant with Chapter 1 and CCBI suggests that they could be integrated in Chapter 1.

Paragraph 29 – This paragraph is vague. Policies are sometimes appropriately determined by other stakeholders. This paragraph is especially redundant with paragraph 34 in the same chapter.

WHAT IS THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS INTERLOCUTORS (CCBI)?

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was held during the week of 8 December 2003 in Geneva, culminating in the Summit segment on 10-12 December 2003. The second part of this Summit will take place in 2005 in Tunisia.

Principals of the Summit host countries and executive secretariat invited the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to create the Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors (CCBI) as a vehicle through which to mobilize and coordinate the involvement of the worldwide business community in the processes leading to and culminating in the Summit. ICC and the CCBI group led the private-sector effort to provide substantive input into the first phase of the Summit, and mobilized the private sector to participate in the preparatory phases and at the Summit itself. The CCBI, is constituted of the following organizations and their members: Among the organizations actively involved in the work of the CCBI, in addition to ICC, are: Asociacion Hispanoamericana de Centros de Investigacion y Empresas de Telecomunicaciones, Brazilian Chamber of Electronic Commerce, the Business Council of the United Nations, Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD; Global Business Dialogue on Electronic Commerce; Global Information Infrastructure Commission; Money Matters Institute; United States Council on International Business; World Economic Forum; World Information Technology and Services Alliance; French Publishers Association; International Publishers Association; and Gobierno Digital.

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ABOUT ICC

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