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Subject: **Third Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Tunis Phase of WSIS
             Geneva, 19-30 September 2005**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization/entity to the third meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Tunis Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS PrepCom-3), to be held in Geneva, Palais des Nations, from 19-30 September 2005.

PrepCom-3 will be a critical step in the preparatory process for the Tunis Summit, which will take place in Tunis from 16-18 November 2005. PrepCom-3 will consist of two full weeks of negotiations on all issues related to the output of the Tunis Summit. This meeting will have to forge consensus on the final document(s), which is/are to be adopted by Heads of States and Governments at the Tunis Summit.

I should like to take this opportunity to encourage your organization/entity to attend PrepCom-3 and to contribute to ongoing negotiations on the issues of the Information Society.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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Annex: Additional Information

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Annex

Additional Information

Information regarding the final output document(s)

a) Regarding chapter 2 of the Operational Part and the Political Chapeau:

Following the Decision of PrepCom-2, the current text of chapter two of the Operational Part (Financing Mechanisms), <u>as it stands</u> at the conclusion of PrepCom-2, will be forwarded directly to PrepCom-3. The same procedure will apply to the text of the Political Chapeau, which will be forwarded to PrepCom-3 <u>as it stands</u> at the conclusion of PrepCom–2, together with a compilation document containing those written comments and proposals which were made during PrepCom-2 (Document DT/4(Rev.1)).

b) Regarding chapter 1 and 4 of the Operational Part:

PrepCom-2 decided that a Group of Friends of the Chair (GFC) will continue to draft proposals for chapters one (Implementation Mechanisms) and four (The Way Ahead) of the Operational Part. These <u>new proposals</u> will be <u>in addition</u> to the written comments and proposals presented during the first reading on 21 February 2005, contained in the compilation documents on chapter one (DT/2(Rev.2)) and chapter four (DT/5) respectively. The above-mentioned documents will be forwarded to PrepCom-3, where a decision on use of the new proposals will be taken. PrepCom-2 decided that stakeholders should continue making contributions to chapters one and four, and **drafting proposals for chapter one and four** should be sent to wsis-contributions@itu.int **by 31 May 2005**

c) Regarding chapter 3 of the Operational Part:

The report of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) will be presented in mid-July 2005 (most probably on July 18). PrepCom-2 decided that all governments and other stakeholders should **submit written comments and proposals for chapter three** (Internet Governance) **by 15 August 2005.** Comments and drafting proposals should be sent to wsis-contributions@itu.int . Thereafter, a compilation of these written contributions will be forwarded to PrepCom-3, together with the report of the WGIG.

Information regarding registration for PrepCom-3:

As for PrepCom-2 of the Tunis phase, **registration** will be by electronic means and the username and password, provided to the focal point of your organization/entity for participation in PrepCom-2, will also be valid for PrepCom-3. Additional information regarding registration can be found at http://www.itu.int/wsis/preparatory2/pc3/index.html

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