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**DRAFT REPORT OF THE TUNIS PHASE OF THE
WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY,
TUNIS, KRAM PALEXPO, 16 – 18 NOVEMBER 2005**

CHAPTER I

Resolutions adopted by the Summit

[To be completed]

CHAPTER II

Attendance and organization of work

A. Date and place of the Tunis phase of the Summit

1 The Tunis phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was held in Tunis, Tunisia, from 16 to 18 November 2005, pursuant to the Resolution 1179 of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and General Assembly Resolutions 56/183 and 57/238. The Summit held 8 plenary meetings (1st to 8th).

B. Attendance

2 The following 174 States were registered at the Summit:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo (Rep. of the), Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Rep., DPR of Korea, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, FYR of Macedonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Isl. Rep. of Iran, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea (Rep. of), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao P.D.R., Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan

Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome & Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia & Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vatican, Venezuela, Viet Nam Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

3 The European Community was represented in conformity with the rules of procedure of the Summit.

4 The following entity having received an invitation to participate as an observer at the Summit was represented: Palestine.

5 The following regional commissions were represented:
[To be completed]

6 The following United Nations bodies and programmes were represented:
[To be completed]

7 The following specialized agencies and related organizations were represented:
[To be completed]

8 The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:
[To be completed]

9 Other entities having received an invitation and participating as observers were:
[To be completed]

10 [...] non-governmental organizations accredited to the Summit during its preparatory process also attended.
[To be completed]

11 [...] business entities accredited to the Summit during its preparatory process also attended.
[To be completed]

C. Documentation

12 The list of documents before the Summit is contained in Annex [...] to this report.

D. Opening ceremony

13 At the opening ceremony on the morning of 16 November 2005, addresses were delivered by His Excellency Mr. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia; His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; His Excellency Mr. Samuel Schmid, President of the Swiss Confederation; His Excellency Mr. Yoshio Utsumi, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union; Ms Shirin Ebadi, President of the Defenders of Human Rights Center, Mr. Craig Barrett, Chairman of the Board of Intel Corporation; and His Excellency Mr. Janis Karklins, President of the Preparatory Committee of the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society.

E. Organizational meeting

14 The World Summit on the Information Society held an organizational meeting on 16 November 2005 immediately preceding the Opening Ceremony.

F. Adoption of the agenda of the organizational meeting

15 At its organizational meeting on 16 November, the Summit adopted the agenda of its organizational meeting as contained in Document WSIS-05/TUNIS/ADM/3. The agenda was as follows:

1. Opening of the Tunis phase of the Summit
2. Adoption of the Agenda of the Organizational Meeting
3. Election of the President of the Summit and of the President of the Organizational Meeting
4. Adoption of the Agenda of the Tunis Phase of the Summit
5. Amendment of Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Summit
6. Election of other officers of the Tunis Phase of the Summit
7. Organization of work
8. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
9. Report of the Preparatory Committee
10. Other Business

G. Election of the President of the Tunis phase of the Summit and of the President of the organizational meeting

16 At its organizational meeting, the Summit elected the President of the Republic of Tunisia, H.E. Mr. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Tunis phase by acclamation.

17 At the same meeting, the Summit elected H.E. Mr. Montasser Ouaili, Minister des Technologies de la Communication, Tunisia, President of the Organizational Meeting of the Tunis phase, by acclamation.

H. Adoption of the agenda of the Tunis phase of the Summit and other organizational matters

18 At its organizational meeting on 16 November 2005, the Summit adopted the agenda of the Tunis phase of the Summit as contained in Document WSIS-05/TUNIS/DOC/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Opening of the Tunis phase of the Summit
2. Election of the President of the Summit and of the President of the Organizational Meeting
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Amendment of Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Summit
5. Election of other officers of the Summit
6. Organization of work
7. Credentials of representatives to the Summit
 - a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
 - b) Report of the Credentials Committee
8. Report of the Preparatory Committee
9. General Debate
10. Round tables and the High-Level Panel
11. Report from Multi-stakeholder Events
12. Adoption of the final documents

13. Adoption of the Report of the Tunis phase of the Summit
14. Closing of the Summit

I. Amendment of Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Summit

19 At its organizational meeting, on 16 November 2005, the Summit amended Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, as contained in Document WSIS-05/TUNIS/DOC/2.

J. Election of other officers of the Tunis phase of the Summit

Election of thirty Vice-Presidents

20 At its organizational meeting on 16 November 2005, the Summit elected the following Vice-Presidents:

African States: Egypt, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Senegal, Zambia

Asian States: India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Rep. of), Philippines, Nepal, Pakistan

Latin American and the Caribbean States: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela

Eastern European States: Armenia, Belarus, Hungary, Latvia, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro

Western European and Other States: Canada, France, Greece, Norway, Spain, United States of America.

Election of two ex officio Vice-Presidents

21 The Summit elected Mr. Mohamed Ghannouchi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tunisia, and Mr. Moritz Leuenberger, Vice President of the Swiss Confederation, as *ex officio* Vice-Presidents, by acclamation.

Designation of the Rapporteur

22 The Summit elected Dr. George Papadatos (Greece) to serve as its Rapporteur, by acclamation.

K. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

23 At its organizational meeting, on 16 November, the Summit appointed a Credentials Committee for the Tunis phase based on the membership of the Credentials Committee of the sixtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly. The Summit agreed to replace Sierra Leone and Saint Lucia by Nigeria and Trinidad and Tobago respectively. The members of the Credentials Committee for the Tunis phase of the Summit were thus as follows: Cameroon, China, Panama, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, Samoa, Nigeria, Russian Federation and the United States of America.

L. Report of the Preparatory Committee

24 At its organizational meeting on 16 November, the President of the Preparatory Committee, H.E. Mr. Janis Karklins (Latvia), made a statement in which he reported on the work undertaken during the preparatory process.

CHAPTER III

General debate

25 The Summit held general debate at its 1st to 8th plenary meetings, from 16 to 18 November 2005.

26 At the 1st plenary meeting, on 16 November, statements were made by (chronological order): His Excellency Mr. Stjepan MESIC, President of the Republic of Croatia; His Excellency Mr. Fernando Dias DOS SANTOS, Prime Minister of the Republic of Angola; His Excellency Mr. Obiang Nguema MBASOGO, President of Equatorial Guinea; Her Excellency Mrs. Luisa Dias DIOGO, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mozambique; His Excellency Mr. Thabo MBEKI, President of South Africa; His Excellency Mr. Assoumani AZALI, President of the Union of the Comoros; His Excellency Mr. Robert MUGABE, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe; His Excellency Colonel Ely OULD MOHAMED VALL, President of Military Council for Justice and Democracy of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; His Excellency Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa AL-THANI, Prime Minister of the State of Qatar; His Excellency Mr. Omer Hassan Ahmed ELBASHIR, President of the Republic of the Sudan; His Excellency Mr. Emomali RAHMONOV, President of the Republic of Tajikistan; His Excellency Mr. Alhaji ALIU MAHAMA, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana; Her Excellency the Right Honourable Libertina AMATHILA, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia; His Excellency Mr. Roberto Ignacio Gonzales PLANAS, Minister of Computer Science and Communications of the Republic of Cuba; Mr. Serge TCHURUK, Chairman and CEO of Alcatel; Dr. Robert Khan, President and CEO of Corporation for National Research Initiatives; Professor Hans VAN GINKEL, Rector of United Nations University (UNU); Ms Renate BLOEM, President of Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO); Mr. Tadashi ONODERA, President and Chairman of KDDI Corporation.

27 At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 November, statements were made by (chronological order): His Majesty Bir Bikram Shah GYANENDRA, King of the Kingdom of Nepal; His Excellency Mr. Ousmane Issoufi MAÏGA, Prime Minister and Head of Government of the Republic of Mali; His Excellency Mr. Ivo Miro JOVIC, Chairperson of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina; His Excellency the Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel MOSISILI, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho; His Excellency Chief Olusegun OBASANJO, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; His Excellency Mr. Denis SASSOU-NGUESSO, President of the Republic of the Congo; His Excellency Mr. Jean François NTOUTOUME EMANE, Prime Minister of the Gabonese Republic; His Excellency Mr. François Bozize YANGOUVONDA, President of the Central African Republic; Her Excellency Mrs. Vaira VIKE-FREIBERGA, President of the Republic of Latvia; His Excellency General Emile LAHOUD, President of Lebanon; His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye WADE, President of the Republic of Senegal; His Royal Highness Lavaka ata ULUKALALA, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga; His Honour Lupando MWAPE, Vice President of the Republic of Zambia; His Honour Seretse Khama IAN KHAMA, Vice President Lt. Gen. of the Republic of Botswana; His Excellency Mr. Zoran SAMI, President of the Assembly of Serbia and Montenegro; His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud ABBAS, President of Palestine; His Excellency Mr. Silvan SHALOM, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel; His Excellency Mr. Dayanidhi MARAN, Minister for Communications and Information Technology of the Republic of India; Professor Divina FRAU-MEIGS, Vice-President of International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) (on behalf of Civil Society Education, Academia and Research Taskforce); Mr. Michel JARAUD, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Mr. Jean-Bernard LEVY, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO of Vivendi Universal; Mr. Mark CAPALDI, Deputy Director of ECPAT International (on behalf of Civil Society Children's Rights Caucus).

28 At the 3rd plenary meeting, on 16 November, statements were made by (chronological order): His Excellency Mr. José MONTILLA AGUILERA, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism of Spain; His Excellency Mr. Viktor BONDAR, Minister of Transport and Communication of Ukraine; His Excellency Mr. Kálman KOVACS, Minister of Informatics and Communications of the Republic of Hungary; His Excellency Mr. Gilberto GIL, Minister of Culture of the Federative Republic of Brazil; Her Excellency, Ms. Mari KIVINIEMI, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development of Finland; His Excellency Mr. Lucio STANCA, Minister of Innovation and Technologies of Italy; His Excellency Mr. Michael LIAPIS, Minister of Transport and Communications of Greece; His Excellency Mr. Jorge ALVAREZ HOTH, Under Minister of Mexico; Dr. Bernd PFAFFENBACH, State Secretary of Economy

of the Federal Republic of Germany; Dr. Brendan TUOHY, Secretary General, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources of Ireland; His Excellency Mr. Philippe BLANCHI, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Principality of Monaco; Ms. Viviane REDING, Commissioner, European Community; His Excellency Francesc BONET CASAS, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Principality of Andorra; Mr. Tao DENG, Vice-President of Huawei; Dr. Florence E. ETTA-AKINAINA, Co-ordinator ICT Policy Project Kenya (on behalf of the Telecentre Caucus); Ms. Katherine SIERRA, Vice President of the World Bank; Mr. Jean-Philippe COURTOIS, President of Microsoft International; Mr. Derrick DE KERCKHOVE, Director, McLuhan Program, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto; Mr. Lirong SHI, Senior Vice President, ZTE Corporation; Mr. Luis DI BENEDETTO, President, AHCJET.

29 At the 4th plenary meeting, on 17 November, statements were made by (chronological order): His Excellency Mr. Driss JETTOU, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco; His Excellency Mr. Ju HUANG, Deputy Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China; His Excellency Mr. Ahmad AL-ABDULLAH AL-AHMAD AL-SSABAH, Minister of Communications of the State of Kuwait; Mr. Plamen VATCHKOV, Chairman of the State agency for Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria; His Excellency Mr. Antanas Zenonas KAMINSKAS, Chancellor of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania; His Excellency Mr. Etienne SINATAMBOU, Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications of the Republic of Mauritius; His Excellency Mr. Virgilion L. PENA, Chairman of the Philippine Commission on Information and Communication Technology of the Philippines; His Excellency Dr. Boon Yang LEE, Minister for Information, Communication and the Arts Information, Communications and the Arts of the Republic of Singapore; His Excellency Mr. Sultan AL MANSOURY, Minister of Communications of the United Arab Emirates; His Excellency Mr. Edgar SAVISAAR, Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Estonia; Her Excellency Ms. Nadia AL-SAEED, Minister of Information and Communication Technology of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; His Excellency Mr. Leonid D. REIMAN, Minister for Information Technologies and Communications of the Russian Federation; His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Bashir AL MOUNAJED, Minister of Telecommunications and Technology of the Syrian Arab Republic; His Excellency Mr. Sora-at KLINPRATOOM, Minister of Information and Communication of Thailand; His Excellency Mr. Jun-Hyong ROH, Vice Minister of Information and Communication of the Republic of Korea; Mr. Nyunt SWE, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar; Her Excellency Sarala FERNANDO, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; Professor Mark J MWANDOSYA, Minister of Communications and Transport of the United Republic of Tanzania; Mr. Uffe Toudal PEDERSEN, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Denmark; Mr. Gudmundur ARNASON, Permanent Secretary of Iceland; His Excellency Sheikh Al Fadel bin Mohamed BIN AHMED AL-HARTHY, Undersecretary for Development Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman; Dr. Janez MOZINA, State Secretary of the Republic of Slovenia; Ms. Gillian MACINTYRE, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration and Information of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; His Excellency Mr. Masood KHAN, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; His Excellency Mr. Francois ROUX, Ambassador of Belgium; Mr. Koïchiro MATSUURA, Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Mr. Didier LOMBARD, CEO of France Telecom; Mr. Yoshio UTSUMI, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Ms. Delphine Nana MEKOUNTER, General Coordinator of the Centre Feminin pour la Promotion du Développement (CEFEPD)(on behalf of Civil Society African Family); Mr. Masao NAKAMURA, President and CEO of NTT DoCoMo Inc.; Mr. Aidan WHITE, Secretary General of the International Federation of Journalists; Mr. Abdoulie JANNEH, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); Professor Nicholas NEGROPONTE, Chairman of the MIT Media Lab and Founder of One Laptop per Child (on behalf of a \$100 Laptop Initiative).

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CHAPTER IV

Round tables and High-Level Panel

30 In accordance with a decision taken at the second meeting of the Preparatory Committee, the Summit convened one High-Level Panel and two Round Tables on 16 and 17 November 2005 respectively. The Round Tables were part of the official Summit, and intended to provide Heads of State or Government with the opportunity to engage in an interactive discussion on the overarching theme “From Commitment to Action: Implementation after Tunis” with leaders from organizations and entities attending the Summit. The theme of the High Level Panel was “ICT for Development”. Participants included Governments, United Nations agencies, other international organizations and representatives of the business sector and civil society.

31 The reports of the Round Tables and the High-Level Panel are annexed.

CHAPTER V

Report of the Credentials Committee [To be completed]

CHAPTER VI

Reports from Multi-stakeholder Events [To be completed]

CHAPTER VII

Adoption of the “Tunis Commitment” [To be completed]

CHAPTER VIII

Adoption of the “Tunis Agenda for the Information Society” [To be completed]

CHAPTER IX

Adoption of the Draft Report of the Tunis phase of the Summit [To be completed]

CHAPTER X

Closing of the Tunis phase of the Summit [To be completed]

ANNEXES

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