Chair's non-paper to stimulate discussion in the GFC on October 22

Basic principles
to guide members of the group in drafting the Final Document(s)

- The paramount focus on harnessing the potential of information and communication technologies for promoting the development goals of the Millennium Declaration should be preserved;
- The two phases of the Summit should be seen as complementary in formulating the agreed response of the international community to challenges and opportunities of building a global Information Society;
- Issues on which consensus was reached in WSIS Geneva summit should not be reopened;
- Structure of the Document(s) should reflect the structure of the preparatory process for the Tunis phase.

Outline of the Final Document(s)

Structure of the Document

- The Document should consist of two main parts: a political chapeau and an operational part;
- The *political chapeau* will contain a concise statement on the determination of Member States and other stakeholders in the WSIS process to develop and implement an effective and sustainable response to challenges and opportunities of building a truly global Information Society;
- The *operational part* will address the three issues, which form the focus of the preparatory process: follow up and implementation of the Geneva Documents, financial mechanisms and Internet governance.

Political Chapeau should*:*

- stress the growing importance of building an inclusive and development-oriented Information Society and outline new challenges deriving from this task,
- reaffirm the political will to move forward in bridging the digital divide, promoting digital opportunities, and
- reaffirm and enhance the commitments undertaken at the Geneva phase of the Summit as contained in the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action.

Operational part should contain the following Chapters*:*

Chapter I: From words to actions: a Summit of sustainable solutions

- The work done by all stakeholders in implementing Geneva decisions
- Definition of appropriate mechanisms for the implementation of the Plan of Action

Chapter II: <u>Financial mechanisms for meeting the challenges of ICT for development</u>

- Possible improvements and innovations of financial mechanisms (reflecting the recommendations of the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms)

Chapter III: <u>Internet governance</u>

- Proposals for action (reflecting the recommendations of the Working Group on Internet governance)

Chapter IV: <u>The way ahead</u>

- Proposal on modalities of follow-up and review to the WSIS process