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Subject: ITU Forum: Workshop on Internet Governance, 26-27 February 2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

The first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)¹ that recently took place in Geneva, hosted by the Government of Switzerland from 10 to 12 December 2003, adopted a Declaration of Principles and Action Plan². In the Declaration of Principles (paragraphs 48-50) and Action Plan (paragraphs 13 b-d), there are references to issues related to Internet governance.

Specifically, in the WSIS Action Plan, there is a request to the "Secretary General of the United Nations to set up a working group on Internet governance, in an open and inclusive process that ensures a mechanism for the full and active participation of governments, the private sector and civil society from both developing and developed countries, involving relevant intergovernmental and international organizations and forums, to investigate and make proposals for action, as appropriate, on the governance of Internet by 2005".

In order to initiate a process to prepare ITU's inputs and position vis-à-vis this working group, you are invited to submit contributions and to participate in an ITU Forum: Workshop on Internet Governance on 26-27 February 2004 at ITU Headquarters. A registration form for the Workshop is annexed to this letter.

Additional materials, including the draft agenda and background materials will become available on the workshop's website in mid-January 2004 at http://www.itu.int/osg/spu/forum/intgov04/. For any additional information, please contact the ITU Strategy and Policy Unit (contact details above).

Yours faithfully,

Yoshio UTSUMI Secretary-General

Annex: Workshop on Internet Governance Registration Form

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¹ http://www.itu.int/wsis/

http://www.itu.int/wsis/documents/doc_multi-en-1161|1160.asp

ANNEX 1

REGISTRATION FORM

ITU Strategy and Policy Unit

ITU Forum: Workshop on Internet Governance

Salle B, ITU Headquarters, 26-27 February 2004

To be returned to the ITU Strategy and Policy Unit (Fax: +41 22 730 6453 / spumail@itu.int by 20 February 2004

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