COP Partners' Ongoing Project Summary
(based on ITU Secretary General's call for action 2009)

Name of the Partner Organization: The International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC)
Area 2: Assist countries in developing a national approach to protecting children online
Name of the program related to the Area 2 : Research on existing child pornography legislation
Website : www.icmec.org
Short summary : The International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC) continues to update its research on existing child pornography legislation around the world 1. exists with specific regard to child pornography; 2. provides a definition of child pornography; 3. criminalizes computer facilitated offenses; 4. criminalizes possession of child pornography, regardless of the intent to distribute; and 5. requires Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to report suspected child pornography to law enforcement or to some other mandated agency. In the summer of 2009, ICMEC conducted a thorough update of our research on existing child pornography legislation, expanding our review beyond the 187 Interpol member countries to include all 196 nations of the world. ICMEC's work included independent research as well as direct contact with Embassies in Washington, D.C. to ensure the accuracy of the next (6th) edition of ICMEC's report. ICMEC's focus in 2010 and beyond will be working to criminalize simple possession in the following priority countries: Argentina, Belarus, Belize, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, and Ukraine. In addition we will focus on outreach and education to encourage individual countries to enact stricter child pornography legislation. This will be accomplished through contact with individuals in various governments, as well as regional leaders and non‐governmental organizations that can champion and promote effective anti‐child pornography legislation.
Area 5: Promote capacity building to contribute to and strengthen the global response in protecting children
Name of the program related to the Area 5 : Drafting global Guidelines
Website : www.icmec.org
Short summary : ICMEC has also been working closely with the Child Online Protection initiative of the International Telecommunication Union to draft global Guidelines for Policy Makers on Child Online Protection. The Guidelines, which were released in October 2009, highlight ICMEC's model legislation report and offer recommendations to policy makers on how to best formulate a national strategy focused on online child safety.