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Proposals of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
on the Draft Declaration of Principles (Document WSIS/PCIP/DT/1-A of 21 March 2003)
and the Draft Action Plan (Document WSIS/PCIP/DT/2-A of 21 March 2003),
based on discussions in the Working Group of Sub-Committee 2

Section I (Doc.WSIS/PCIP/DT/1): Contributions limited to Members only

1- No 10, first paragraph reads:

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Section I (Doc.WSIS/PCIP/DT/2): Contributions limited to Members only

No. 33 reads:

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2- We propose to add the following text to the Preamble of the Declaration of Principles:

“To ensure that, in the context of seeking the transfer to the Information Society, this shall be done without any prejudice whatsoever to the moral, social and religious values of all societies”.

3- We propose to add the following text to be one of the paragraphs under No. 10 (extracted from observers’ contributions) (Doc.WSIS/PCIP/DT/1):

“While respecting, preserving and enforcing by all possible legal, technical and regulatory means the religious, cultural and linguistic identities and patrimonies of the various peoples of the world, accepting their diversity with a spirit of tolerance”.