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Dear Mr. Gagné,

Re: WSIS Action Plan

We have internally received the draft WSIS Action Plan and we are pleased to forward to you our comments. We have based our comments on the version dated 5 June 2003.

We look forward to continue to provide our input to the WSIS process.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paolo Garonna', written over the typed name.

Paolo Garonna

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Encl: as above.

39. E-health
add seventh point:

[- ICTs can be used as highly cost-effective tools to provide easy access to information on transport, environment and health, both in terms of policy and scientific developments.]

41. E-environment
Modify the paragraph as follows:

[ICT-based systems should be established to assess the environmental impact of certain activities and evaluate the environmental consequences of official draft plans and programmes in order to prevent man-made disasters, as well as using ICTs to monitor the operators of production and transport systems that pose the gravest potential threats to the environment.]

Add the following new paragraph after “41. E-environment” and before point “8) Cultural identity...” and paragraph “42. Cultural and linguistic...”

42. E-safety

[Intelligent transport systems can help to reduce the number of people killed or injured in road accidents and the associated economic losses which have a significant negative impact on the world economy.]