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[Draft Declaration of Principles

Inputs to the Working Group of Sub-Committee 2 on the Declaration of Principles, on paragraphs not revised by the chair of the Working Group of the Sub-Committee:

Viet Nam: We would like to propose slight modifications of paragraphs 4 and 19 of the Draft Declaration of Principles as follows:

Para 4: Move part 2 of para 4 to para 19. New para 4 will read: "Communication is a fundamental social process, a basic human need and the foundation of all social organization. It is central to the Information Society. Everyone, everywhere should have the opportunity to participate and no one should be excluded from the benefits the Information Society offers"

Para 19: Merge part 2 of paragraph 4 into paragraph 19 and new paragraph 19 will read: "Rights and freedoms, as enshrined in Article 19 and Article 29 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights are the necessary premise of the information society. In building such an information society, the ability for all to access and contribute their information, ideas and knowledge is essential."

United States: Comment on para 4:

If Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is cited, it should be cited in full.

In order to arrive at a more complete enunciation of Article 19:

After "the right to" in line 4 add "hold opinions without interference and to". After "and ideas" in line 5 add "through any media and".

Canada:

Declaration, after the current para 16 at a new para 16 (b) as follows:

In the evolution of the information society, particular attention must be given to the special situation of indigenous peoples, and to the promotion and protection of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Thailand

25 September 2003

Addition of one sentence to paragraph 26bis:

"To achieve a sustainable development of the Information Society, national capability in ICT research and development should be enhanced. Furthermore, partnerships between developed and developing countries..."

Pakistan

24 September 2003

Paragraph 29

"SPAM and other cyber security incidents originating from external networks should be dealt with at appropriate national and international levels, in coordination with the private sector."

Iran: Para 4 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to be reflected as the last sentence of para 31:

The gap between developed and developing countries points to the continued need for a dynamic and enabling international economic environment supportive of international cooperation, particularly in the areas of finance, technology transfer, debt and trade and full and effective

participation of developing countries in global decision-making, if the momentum for global progress towards sustainable development is to be maintained and increased.

Egypt

Title 8 add: "local content [**media development**]"

Algeria

Paragraph 49ter

“In this regard, as an expression of self-commitment for building an inclusive Information Society taken at regional levels, such as the New Partnership for the Development in Africa (NEPAD), should be highly encouraged and their ICT chapters supported as a priority.”

Arab Countries

Paragraphs 49-50-51

49. The information society is intrinsically global in nature. Therefore, it is fundamental to establish solid basis and effective international cooperation mechanisms, necessary to assist in eliminating financial and other obstacles that impede the access to ICT. Governments are invited to cooperate with other stakeholders including the international financial institutions and other international bodies to fulfill the commitments derived from international fora.

50. We shall envision to establish a concrete mechanism to fund the bridging of the digital divide to facilitate: technical and financial assistance directed towards national and regional capacity building, technology transfer, cooperation in R&D programmes and exchange of know-how.

51. To complement national efforts, there is a need for the relevant international and regional institutions to increase their support for foreign direct investments in infrastructure development.