Council of Europe and the information society

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Introduction

- Intergovernmental organisation with 44 member States

- Based in Strasbourg, France

- Focus on human rights, democracy, rule of law, cultural co-operation

I. The Digital Divide

- Experience with public access points
- Access in underdeveloped regions
- Access for disadvantaged groups
- Role of education and training
- Role of different actors (state, civil society business, etc.)
- How to avoid new "divides"

II. Access – but what for? Quality information in the info-age

- Saving the "information" part of the "information society"
- How to promote local values in global networks
- Promoting content in less spoken languages
- Exceptions to rules on copyright and related rights
- Public service Internet?
- The role of education in promoting quality content

III. Cyberfreedoms and their limits

- Absence of censorship on the Net
- Defining what is illegal on the Internet
- Protection of minors
- Data protection
- Responsibilities of ISPs
- Jurisdiction
- Exchange of information on new legislation – establishing clearing-houses

IV. Governance in the information society: The birth of the cyber-citizen

- Electronic voting
- Use of new information technologies for consultation with citizens
- The regional and local aspects of e-governance
- The role of education in increasing public participation