

## Switzerland

### PROPOSAL OF THE SWISS DELEGATION FOR A PAPER ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND PLAN OF ACTION

At the first phase of WSIS in Geneva 2003, we agreed on a declaration of principles that defines our common vision of the information society and we also agreed on a plan of action that leads the way to turn this vision into reality.

The second phase of WSIS in Tunis November 2005 will be the phase of concrete action and solutions. At PrepCom-1 in Hammamet in June 2004 we agreed that the focus of the second phase should be:

- "Follow-up and implementation of the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action by stakeholders at national, regional and international levels, with particular attention to the challenges facing the least Developed Countries;
- Consideration of the report of the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms (TFFM) and appropriate action;
- Internet governance: consideration of the report of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) and appropriate action;"

Furthermore, we decided in Hammamet that the "agreements reached in the Geneva phase should not be reopened" and that "the output of the Tunis Phase should be a final document or documents, comprising a concise political part and an operational part, both of which reflect the areas of focus of the Tunis phase and reaffirm and enhance the commitments undertaken in the Geneva phase."

Considering the work done so far with regard to the first point of the agreed focus of the second phase of WSIS, namely the follow-up and implementation of the Geneva declaration of principles and plan of action, we would like to present the following proposal for discussion:

We think we should avoid trying to rephrase the Geneva plan of action in chapter one of the operational part of the Tunis document(s) because doing so would bring along lengthy negotiations, reopen discussions closed in Geneva and run the risk of resulting in a second plan of action that might even contradict the already existing one in some issues.

Our proposal is to work on a paper on the implementation of the Geneva declaration of principles and plan of action that shows in a tangible way what is going on with regard to this implementation. This paper should help to make WSIS Tunis 2005 an attractive summit and should also show to the broader public (including Heads of States, CEOs, media, etc.) why WSIS is relevant to the citizens of the world.

This paper would go through the existing plan of action point by point and present substantial examples, projects or programs (for instance: a low-cost mobile phone, an education programme, a new concrete financing mechanism etc.) that contribute to implementing the plan of action. This would give substance to the follow up of the Geneva plan of action in a clear and structured way.

Of course, the authors of this paper will have to set priorities - taking into account the special needs of different countries and regions - in the choice of the projects and examples of implementation in order to have an amount of examples that is easy to survey. In order to do so, the authors need to know what UN organizations, Governments but also private sector and civil society are actually doing in their fields. They can also make use of the information gathered in the stocktaking process.

The paper could also be linked with the possibility proposed by the ITU to create a space for Heads of States and Governments, private sector and civil society leaders and high level officials from International Organizations to announce projects and partnerships at WSIS Tunis 2005 and would thus contribute in attracting world leaders to attend the summit.

Since ITU is willing to play a role in the follow-up of WSIS, ITU and the WSIS executive secretariat could take the lead in writing this paper that would be the start of the substantive follow-up of WSIS. If necessary, the host countries of both WSIS phases and other interested countries could support this work with some human resources.

The paper should be ready in September but important examples and projects could be added until the summit of Tunis 2005.

To conclude, we think such a paper is necessary in order to show some concrete results of WSIS and to show the relevance for every citizen. It could give added value to the second phase of WSIS in Tunis 2005 and set a good ground for the follow-up process after Tunis that will be concretized in chapter 4 of the operational part.

We invite all interested parties to join in elaborating this proposal

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