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SPANISH PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD INTERNET DAY (NEW PARAGRAPH FOR THE OPERATIONAL PART)

At this stage of the Tunis Phase proposals for the future, about the way ahead, and on implementation and follow-up of the WSIS are being discussed. In this context we suggest the possibility of creating a World Internet Day as a way to give visibility and at the same time continuity to the Summit process. It is well known that the International or World Days contribute, in different areas, to concentrate attention and efforts to global importance issues.

In this sense we propose to establish a World Internet Day. This Day could help to bring annually the attention of the society on the importance of this global facility, and more broadly on the issues dealt in the Summit, specially the possibilities that the use of ICT can bring for societies and economies, as well as the ways to bridge the digital divide. This could also be an annual opportunity to evaluate the level of achievements of the compromises assumed in this Summit.

Therefore we propose to introduce this proposal as a new paragraph in the Operational Part as follows:

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If this proposal gets the support of the Summit it could be sent to the UN General Assembly for its adoption.

In this framework, Spain is going to celebrate next October 25th, for the first time, a national Internet Day. The celebration would encompass events mainly of civil society (schools, city halls, trade unions, professional associations, Internet users associations...) and private sector. In this first occasion it would focus on the Geneva results (as it will take place before the Tunis Summit).