Chair of Sub-Committee A of PrepCom-3

REPORT ON THE WORK OF SUB-COMMITTEE A

1.   The Sub-Committee, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ambassador Masood Khan (Pakistan), met 14 times in full session, in addition to drafting groups, to discuss the draft text of chapter three (Internet Governance) of the Operational Part of the Final Document(s) of the Tunis phase. Observers' statements were heard for a period of around forty-five minutes every six working hours.

2.   On 22 September 2005, the Sub-Committee adopted a draft structure for the chapter (DT/8), and on 23 September agreed to use a draft text from the chair (DT/10) as a basis for further work. In addition, the sub-committee used the report of the UN Working Group on Internet Governance (DOC/5) and the compilation of comments on that report (DT/7 Rev. 2) as sources of inspiration. The secretariat prepared a synoptic table (DT/11) indicating the sources of text in DT/10, and a compilation of stakeholder comments (DT/14) to assist the Sub-Committee.

3.   To help advance the work, drafting groups were established for specific paragraphs of DT/10, convened by Member States as follows:

- El Salvador coordinated work on paragraph 39 (introduction)
- Uruguay coordinated work on paragraphs 43-44 (stakeholders)
- Saudi Arabia coordinated work on paragraphs 45-48 (management of critical Internet resources)
- Canada coordinated work on paragraphs 49-51 (use of the Internet)
- Norway coordinated work on paragraphs 52-55 (use of the Internet
- Ghana coordinated work on paragraphs 56-569 (development issues)
- Egypt coordinated work on paragraphs 60-61 (multilingualism and enabling environment)

In addition, Norway, New Zealand and Singapore acted as facilitators.

4.   The Sub-Committee completed four readings of Chapter Three on 26, 28, 29 and 30 September respectively. During this period it proved possible to agree 23 paragraphs, and to consider a further 14 paragraphs that have some remaining square brackets or that remain open. However, due to lack of time, it did not prove possible to complete the work on sections 3a -and 5 of the report dealing with follow-up and future arrangements. Those portions of the text considered closed have been marked *"(Agreed)"* while other sections that remain open are highlighted, although the whole chapter remains in square brackets.

5.	In order to complete the work in time for the Summit, document DT/10 Rev. 4 is offered as basis for further negotiations. T~~t~~he following documents elaborated during PrepCom-3 are offered as a further input to future negotiations:~~are offered as a basis for further negotiations:~~

- ~~DT/10 Rev. 4, containing section 1-4 of chapter three (Internet Governance);~~
- DT/15 containing a food for thought paper from the chairman;
- DT/17 (African common position, submitted by Ghana)
- DT/18 (Argentina)
- DT/19 (Brazil)
- DT/20 (Canada)
- DT/21 (European Union position, submitted by United Kingdom)
- DT/22 (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- DT/23 (Japan)
- DT/24 (Russian Federation / Azerbaijan / Belarus / Moldova)
- DT/25 (position of Arab Group, submitted by Saudi Arabia)~~Governments on Internet Governance~~.

6.	All of the documents referenced above, together with the full text of contributions from stakeholders, are available on the WSIS website at http://www.wsis.org.

Annexes:	DT/10 Rev. 4~~3~~, DT/15, DT/17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.