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CHAPTER TWO OF THE OPERATIONAL PART (FINANCIAL MECHANISMS)

| Prepcom-2 - para no and text | Prepcom-2 alternate text | Possible proposals |
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| <p>20. We recognise the scale of the problem in bridging the digital divide, which will require adequate and sustainable investments in ICT infrastructure and services, and capacity building, <i>[and transfer of technology]</i> over many years to come.</p> | | <p>20. We recognise the scale of the problem in bridging the digital divide, which will require adequate and sustainable investments in ICT infrastructure and services, and capacity building, <i>[and transfer of technology]</i> over many years to come.</p> <p>20 a. We recognise the need to promote an environment conducive to transfer of technology for mutual advantage, on mutually agreed terms, and allow non-discriminatory access to appropriate required technology.</p> |
| <p>33. Alt 1: [We recognize that there are a number of areas lacking adequate financing as well as related approaches that are more coherent and consolidated.]</p> | <p>Alt 2: [We recognize that there are a number of areas where the current approaches to ICT for development financing have devoted insufficient attention to date.]</p> | <p>We recognise that there are a number of areas in need of more financial resources and where current approaches to ICT for development financing have devoted insufficient attention to date.</p> |
| <p>37 f. Accelerating the pace of financing of ICT infrastructure by promoting North-South flows and South-South cooperation ;</p> | <p>Improving the ability to access existing financing facilities for ICT infrastructure and services and promoting North-South flows and South-South cooperation</p> | <p>Improving the ability to access existing financing facilities with a view to accelerating the pace of financing of ICT infrastructure and services, including the promotion of North-South flows and South-South cooperation</p> |

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| <p>g. [Providing the financial support]/[Establishment of a “virtual” financing facility] to leverage multiple sources in support of programmes oriented to digital inclusion and identified investment objectives in key areas notably broadband, rural and regional projects, and development of local language content, capacity building, [and creative industries;]/[entertainment enterprises, training software, regional Web Portals, media broadcasts based in local communities and motion picture DVDs;</p> | <p>Multilateral, regional and bilateral development organizations should consider the utility of creating a virtual forum for sharing of information by all stakeholders on potential projects and on sources of financing;</p> | <p>g. Multilateral, regional and bilateral development organizations should consider the utility of creating a virtual forum for sharing of information by all stakeholders on potential projects, on sources of financing and on institutional financial mechanisms. This forum could leverage multiple sources for programs supporting digital inclusion and strategic investment objectives including, inter alia, broadband, rural and regional projects, development of local language and cultural content, capacity building and creative industries.</p> |
| <p>h. [Enabling developing countries to be increasingly able to generate funds and new financial instruments including trust funds and seed capital adapted to their economies;]</p> | | <p>h. Enabling developing countries to be increasingly able to generate domestic funds [to ICT] and [to improve] financial instruments including trust funds and seed capital adapted to their economies.</p> |
| <p>j. Development of [a]/[an innovative] “rapid response” policy and regulatory support mechanism to intervene in support of [short-term] ICT sector policy initiatives;</p> | <p>Multilateral, regional and bilateral development organizations should consider cooperating to enhance their capacity to provide rapid support to developing countries that request assistance with respect to ICT policies;</p> | |
| <p>l. Establishing responsibilities relative to universal service: regulatory frameworks must establish the responsibilities for universal service of all national and international telecommunication/ICT services operators[, in a technology-neutral manner];</p> | | |

Annex

During discussions at PrepCom-2, it did not prove possible to reach consensus on the following issue, on which discussion is deferred until PrepCom-3

(To be added to the text as 37, c, iii)

[Option 1: Proposed by Brazil, Cuba, India and Holy See: Promoting awareness of the positive externalities generated by the development and use of free and open source software].

[Option 2: Promoting awareness of possibilities generated by different software models including proprietary, free and open source software.]

[Option 3: Promoting the development and use of open source and proprietary software with low total cost of ownership and effective interoperability, while improving awareness of all available options.]

[Option 4: Promoting awareness of the possibilities generated by different software models and the competitive impact that free and open software has had on proprietary software systems that has resulted in a wide range of a cost effective solutions for consumers].
