Communiqué from the Joint Committee

concerning parallel events organized in conjunction with the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society

In an effort to facilitate an exchange of experiences, improve opportunities for dialogue and foster a spirit of partnership for the building of the information society, Tunisia, as host country for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, has decided to offer accredited stakeholders an "**ICT 4 All**" space in the Kram Exhibition Centre for holding parallel events in conjunction with the Summit. Responsibility for parallel events, apart from the Exhibition, rests with a Joint Committee made up of representatives from Tunisia and the WSIS Executive Secretariat.

Guidelines governing the use of this space were developed jointly by the Tunisian authorities and the WSIS Executive Secretariat, and were circulated to PrepCom-2 participants and published on official WSIS websites.

In response to the offer of space, 229 requests have been received, covering a total of 315 proposed parallel events. (The requests received, as submitted to the Joint Committee for consideration, are attached.)

The number of requests received exceeds initial forecasts, necessitating careful, in-depth review by the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee believes that broader participation by the various stakeholders could be facilitated as a result of any initiative that groups which have made requests to hold parallel events might take in order to combine activities pertaining to common topics. Accordingly, applicants are invited to advise the Joint Committee concerning any initiative in this regard as quickly as possible and not later than 15 July 2005* (using the e-mail addresses for parallel events).

In accordance with the guidelines, the Joint Committee will decide upon the programme of events to take place in the space for miscellaneous activities, as well as parallel events of a global nature, on the basis of the resources available (space, scheduling, etc.).

Bearing in mind that the physical preparations for these parallel events are of great importance to organizers, and recognizing the time imperatives involved, the Joint Committee plans to finalize the list of events selected as quickly as possible.

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* Deadline has been extended until 29 Juillet 2005

List Of Parallel Events