Contribution to the Group of the Friends of the Chair

We, our country, to bring the benefits of ICT to all the people in the world, and to seek further social, economic and cultural development, on the basis of the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action carried out in the first phase of WSIS, and taking the diversity of each country and each region into consideration, to build a people centered, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society, make proposal regarding the "Political Chapeau" as follows.

- Building network infrastructure that enables all people to access broadband platforms at an affordable price level and developing ICT applications and contents utilizing broadband advantages to the fullest, to bring the benefits of ICT to all people.

- Human capacity building and human resource exchanges including engineers and researchers with advanced knowledge and expertise regarding network infrastructure should be promoted through technology transfer. Creating an environment where as many people as possible can get training through distance education etc.

- Social and economical development should be attained though development and diffusion of ICT, namely, broadband platforms, while preserving the diversified languages and cultures of each country of the world.

- It is vital to establish national strategies, to prepare related policies and schemes such as pro-competitive policies, and to apply those systems appropriately. To this end, upon developing and implementing appropriate ICT policies, efforts should be made to provide and share useful knowledge and knowhow.

- Strengthening the framework of confidence such as security, identification to ensure people of secure and reliable usage of ICT.

- With respect to new network infrastructure technologies beneficial to each country, R&D activities including joint research with researchers of all the countries should be carried out and benefits thereof should be extended to each country. In addition, by promoting even greater knowledge and information sharing for the welfare of the people, technologies enabling the realization of ubiquitous network society, in which the easy access to information and communication networks is made possible "anytime," "anywhere", "anything" and "anyone" , should be developed.

- With regard to the digital divide, between developed and developing countries, the other issues, and between men and women and other issues such as those related to the elderly and people with disabilities should be focused on.

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