



MISION PERMANENTE DE LA  
REPUBLICA BOLIVARIANA DE VENEZUELA ANTE LA  
OFICINA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS Y DEMAS ORGANISMOS INTERNACIONALES  
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**THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

**GROUP OF FRIENDS OF THE PRESIDENT**

**INITIAL COMMENTARIES OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA TO  
ANNEX 3 - DOCUMENT OF THE PRESIDENT**

**STRUCTURE:** The division of the document proposal in a political chapeau and an operational part takes care of the objectives raised for the Second Phase of the World Summit of the Society of the Information in Tunisia, that, in our vision, besides to take care of the subjects of the Gobernanza of the Internet and Financing, they are settling down mechanisms of pursuit to those diverse activities in the Plan of Action. In that respect, we agree with the preliminary ideas proposed to the final structure of all documents to subscribe in the Summit. Our provisional comments are the following:

**BASIC PRINCIPLES:**

We fully agree with the four points.

Venezuela welcomes, with special satisfaction, the reference not to reopen the Declaration of Principles and its adopted Plan of Action in the Geneva Phase. By its importance, we considered that this point should be raised to point 1, reiterating fully the content of such documents as they are the base for the creation of the Information Society.

**POLITICAL CHAPEAU:**

Considering the dynamics of the Information and Communications Technologies, Venezuela thinking is that the document should open a space that not only reflects the current situation but also incorporate its dynamic development.

There is a need to a greater emphasis on the importance of bridging the digital device and to place Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) at the service of development. Also, we think that the political chapeau should emphasis the articulation of those initiatives that will help to facilitate the efficient way towards an Information Society, in which the financing mechanism is included.

**OPERATIONAL PART:**

Venezuela considers that the four chapters reflect the main interests showed in First Phase. Even though, we considered its titles adapted, we maintain a flexible position as long as the nature of its objectives does not vary.

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE:** Internet Governance has a special importance to Venezuela. For this reason, we consider the Group of Friends of the President must take care of this subject since the beginning; otherwise there will be no sufficient time to treat it between July and November.