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Dear Colleagues,

This is an open invitation to civil society and private sector stakeholders to participate in consultations on enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

In its resolution 2010/2 of 19 July, the Economic and Social Council invited the Secretary-General "to convene open and inclusive consultations involving all Member States and other stakeholders with a view to assisting the process towards enhanced cooperation in order to enable Governments on an equal footing to carry out their roles and responsibilities in respect of international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not of the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact upon those issues, through a balanced participation of all stakeholders in their respective roles and responsibilities, as stated in paragraph 35 of the Tunis Agenda, and requests that the consultations be held before the end of 2010 and their outcome submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council."

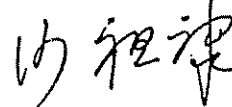
On behalf of the Secretary-General and in response to the above, it is my pleasure to invite all stakeholders, including Governments, civil society, intergovernmental and international organizations and the private sector, to contribute to these consultations by submitting comments in writing by 15 November 2010, by e-mail to unpan@un.org, or through an online form at <http://www.unpan.org/dpadm/wsisfollowup/>. Inputs can also be sent by fax to +1 212/963-9681 or by post to Two United Nations Plaza, Room DC2-1714, New York, NY 10017.

Comments received by 15 November 2010 will be posted online by 1 December 2010, and may serve as a basis for consultations with United Nations Member States, Permanent Observers and other intergovernmental organizations, to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 14 December 2010.

Due to space constraints as a result of the renovation of the United Nations complex, the views of civil society and private sector organizations, as well as the Internet technical community, will be summarized for presentation on 14 December 2010 by a designated representative, who will base the group's presentation on submissions received. All contributions, whether received in writing or presented orally on 14 December 2010, will be considered in the preparation of the Secretary-General's note on the outcome of the consultations to be conveyed to the General Assembly in 2011.

I look forward to hearing your views on these important matters.

Yours sincerely,



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Under-Secretary-General

Civil society and Private Sector Stakeholders