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To: All WSIS Stakeholders

- Governments
- Private Sector
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Preparatory Process for WSIS Forum 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to thank all WSIS stakeholders for their active participation in the open consultation process on the venue for the WSIS Forum 2011. The contributors addressed the advantages and disadvantages of a possible change, taking into account the new momentum gained in Geneva over the past two years as well as the opportunities for innovation and change to be gained by moving the event to New York. Other considerations include costs, organizational and logistic challenges for participants and organizers, as well as the geographical reach and audience. Several stakeholders proposed enlarging the geographical reach by organizing the Forum on a rotational basis in Geneva, New York, Paris and in developing countries, in order to allow participants from all parts of the world to attend.

Based on the views submitted during the open consultations held from 10 August -12 September 2010, the organizers concluded that the WSIS Forum 2011 should again be held in Geneva. At the same time, the organizers will prepare for another discussion on this topic at the 2011 WSIS Forum.

The WSIS Forum 2011 has been scheduled for 16–20 May. In line with the participatory and inclusive spirit of the WSIS Forum 2011, an open consultation on the thematic focus of the Forum will take place starting from 15th October 2010. The open consultation will begin with an open discussion among the WSIS community and then continue with requests for the submission of proposed themes and topics. The aim is to continue engaging all stakeholders in shaping the format and the thematic focus of the WSIS Forum 2011.

We look forward to your active participation in the preparatory phase of the WSIS Forum 2011 and welcome all stakeholders to Geneva in May.

Relevant documentation on the Forum is constantly updated and is available at www.wsis.org/forum

Sincerely yours,

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