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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 2010. I have given careful consideration to your concern that the involvement of non-governmental stakeholders in the consultations called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/2 may not be sufficiently inclusive.

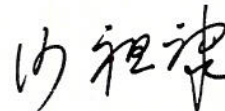
In case there has been any misunderstanding on this subject, I would like to clarify that the consultations will consist of two parts: (i) submission of written comments, preferably by 15 November 2010 and no later than 1 December 2010; and (ii) a face-to-face meeting to be held in New York on 14 December 2010. These should be viewed as two channels of communication, set up very much with openness and inclusion in mind, to give all stakeholders an equal opportunity to participate irrespective of their location and financial means.

Similarly, in order to allow for expression of as wide a range of views as possible at the face-to-face meeting in an efficient manner, representatives of civil society organizations, the private sector and the Internet technical community have been invited to present a summary of the inputs of their respective groups. The International Chamber of Commerce will speak on behalf of the private sector. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers will speak on behalf of the Internet community. The Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with the United Nations will speak on behalf of civil society organizations.

These group presentations will be followed by contributions from individual organizations. I would certainly encourage you and individual organizations to register your interest in participating by completing the online request form at <http://www.unpan.org/dpadm/wsisfollowup/>. In keeping with UN practice, priority in assigning slots on 14 December will be given to those speaking on behalf of the largest number of entities, with due regard for balanced participation including equitable geographical representation and the respective roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholder groups as described in paragraphs 35 and 36 of the Tunis Agenda.

On this occasion, I would also like to express my wish to receive comments from all stakeholders on the process towards enhanced cooperation on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and welcome your continuing engagement in these discussions.

Yours sincerely,



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