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World Summit on the Information Society

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/183 of 21 December 2001,

Recalling its plenary meeting devoted to information and communication technologies for development, held in New York, from 17 to 18 June 2002,

Welcoming the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society undertaken at national level, and encouraging all countries to intensify their work,

Encouraging non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector to further contribute to and actively participate in the intergovernmental preparatory process of the Summit and in the Summit itself,

Welcoming the outcome of the regional conference held at Bamako, from 25 to 30 May 2002,

Also welcoming the results of the first meeting of the intergovernmental preparatory committee, held in Geneva from 1 to 5 July 2002,

Further welcoming the decision of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force to contribute actively to the preparatory process for the Summit and, to that end, to hold its next meeting at Geneva on 21 and 22 February 2003,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union,¹ submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council on the ongoing preparatory process for the Summit;

¹ See A/57/71-E/2002/52.

2. *Invites* the Members States concerned to participate actively in the regional conferences to be held in Bucharest in November 2002, in Santo Domingo in January 2003 and in Tokyo in January 2003;

3. *Urges* all relevant United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations, including international and regional institutions, to further their cooperation in and support to the preparatory process of the Summit;

4. *Recommends* that all actors involved adopt an integrated and coordinated approach to addressing the needs of developing countries, in particular the least developed among them;

5. *Requests* the International Telecommunication Union, in the context of its leading managerial role in the preparatory process of the Summit, in close cooperation with the Department for Public Information of the Secretariat and in coordination with other information offices of the United Nations system, to launch a public information campaign to raise global awareness of the Summit, including through reprioritization of its budget and through voluntary contributions;

6. *Reiterates its call* to the international community to make voluntary contributions to the special trust fund established by the International Telecommunication Union to support the preparations for and the holding of the Summit, as well as to facilitate the effective participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, in the regional meetings to be held in the first half of 2003, the preparatory meetings, to be held in 2003, and the Summit itself;

7. *Invites* countries to send representation at the highest political level to the Summit;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to inform all heads of State and Government of the importance of the forthcoming Summit;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to submit to the General Assembly for information, at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the preparations for the Summit.
