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Note by the President of PrepCom

DECISION OF PREPCOM-1

One Summit, in two phases, provides a unique opportunity for the international community to address questions about the Information Society in a comprehensive and inclusive manner, and to ensure that the benefits of new technologies, especially Information and Communication Technologies, are available to all. The Geneva phase has adopted a Declaration of Principles and a Plan of Action. In accordance with the decision taken during the Geneva phase on the preparations for the Tunis phase, and Para 29 of the Plan of Action, the preparatory meeting (PrepCom-1 of the Tunis phase) reviewed those issues of the Information Society that should form the focus of the Tunis phase of the WSIS and agreed on the structure of the preparatory process for the second phase, as follows:

A. The Focus, Output and Preparatory Process of the Tunis Phase

- 1) The focus of the Tunis Phase should be:
 - Follow-up and implementation of the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action by stakeholders at national, regional and international levels, with particular attention to the challenges facing the Least Developed Countries;
 - Consideration of the report of the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms (TFFM) and appropriate action;
 - Internet governance: consideration of the report of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) and appropriate action;
- 2) The agreements reached in the Geneva phase should not be reopened;
- 3) The output of the Tunis Phase should be a final document or documents, comprising a concise political part and an operational part, both of which reflect the areas of focus of the Tunis phase and reaffirm and enhance the commitments undertaken in the Geneva phase;
- 4) The preparatory process of the Tunis Phase should be inclusive, efficient, transparent and cost-effective; in principle, following the roadmap illustrated in the annexed chart.

B. PrepCom-2

- 1) A group of friends of the President of the PrepCom of the Tunis Phase, with the assistance of the WSIS Executive Secretariat and in consultation with regional groups, will prepare a document to serve as a basis for negotiations in PrepCom-2, taking into account, as appropriate, the outcomes of relevant thematic, regional and other WSIS-related meetings;
- 2) PrepCom-2 will take place in Geneva, for a duration of seven working days, starting on 17 February 2005.

Annex: Outline of the Preparatory Process for the Tunis Phase of WSIS

