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THE WORKING GROUP ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE

THE CHAIRMAN

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Dear Mr Annan,

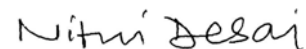
As you will recall, the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in Geneva on 10-12 December 2003, asked you to establish a working group to look into issues related to Internet governance and to prepare a report on this investigation in order to facilitate the negotiations at the second phase of the Summit. In November 2004 you nominated the members of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) and asked me to be the Chair of this Group.

The WGIG has held four meetings in Geneva; the first 23 - 25 November 2004, the second 14 - 18 February 2005, the third 18 - 20 April 2005, and the fourth 14 - 17 June 2005. In conjunction with all meetings the WGIG held open consultations with all stakeholders. It also created a discussion forum on its website, allowing all stakeholders to make a substantive contribution to its work.

I am very pleased to be able now to transmit to you the final report of the WGIG. The report reflects a consensus of the Group on most of its content. The options presented with regard to recommendations for improvement in current government arrangements are the only non consensus elements of the report and reflect the wide range of options held within the group.

Also attached is a background report, which is based on the consultation process held from November 2004 until the final drafting of the report. It is complementary to the report and intended to be used as a reference document, without necessarily reflecting a common view of all group members.

Yours sincerely,



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