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Thank you Chairman,

Japan also would like to congratulate Mr. Desai, Chairman of the Working Group on Internet Governance, members of the working group, and Mr. Kummer, Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat of the WGIG and staffs of in the secretariat for producing the preliminary report.

As many of the distinguished delegates pointed out during their interventions, the issue of Internet governance has been one of the focal points, and continues to be so, in the process toward Tunis phase of the WSIS. In this regard, we have expectations for the work of the WGIG.

As the preliminary report before us shows, the working group has been successful in its work in identifying the points that should be taken into consideration in developing the working definition of "Internet Governance". Also, the working group has successfully identified the four (4) key issues in making further investigation on Internet governance.

Japan appreciates the working method of working group, namely keeping the deliberation process "open, transparent, and inclusive", and hopes that a final report it submits to Prep-Com3 will provide us with the idea on the future of the Internet, which should benefit all of us.

Finally, I would like to express our willingness to continue further substantive contributions to the intensive work of WGIG.

Thank you.