



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

11 July 2005

Dear Mr. Utsumi,

The World Summit on the Information Society, at its first phase in Geneva in December in 2003, asked me to establish a Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) in an open and inclusive manner to ensure the participation of Governments, the private sector and civil society. It also decided that the WGIG should prepare a report for consideration and appropriate action for the second phase of the Summit in Tunis in November 2005.

I established the Working Group on 11 November 2004 and asked Mr. Nitin Desai, my Special Adviser for the Summit, to chair it.

I am very pleased to be able now to transmit to you the report of the Working Group on Internet Governance. I welcome this valuable contribution to the Summit's preparatory process. I am also forwarding to you a background report produced by the Working Group, summarizing much of its work and reflecting inputs by all relevant stakeholders. I am certain that it will also contribute to the Summit's Preparatory work.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Chair, the members of the Working Group, the Executive Coordinator and the Secretariat for the dedication, time and effort they devoted to this important task.

I have sent a similar letter to His Excellency Mr. Janis Karklinš as the President of the Preparatory Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'K. Annan', is placed below the closing 'Yours sincerely,'.

Kofi A. Annan

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