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THE WORKING GROUP ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE

THE CHAIRMAN

18 February 2005

Excellency,

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), at its first phase in Geneva in December 2003, asked the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish a Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) with a view to preparing the ground for negotiations at the second phase of the WSIS, to be held in Tunisia in November 2005. I have been appointed Chairman of the WGIG.

The First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Tunisia phase of the WSIS, held at Hammamet, Tunisia, on 24 -26 June 2004, requested the WGIG to present a preliminary report on the status of its work to its Second Session.

The WGIG has held two meetings in Geneva; the first 23-35 November 2004 and, the second 14 – 18 February 2005. I am very pleased to be able now to transmit to you the preliminary report of the WGIG. It outlines work in progress towards the final report to be presented to the Secretary-General in July 2005.

I have sent a similar letter to Mr Yoshio Utsumi, in his capacity as Secretary-General of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Nitin Desai

His Excellency
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