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Third Meeting of the Preparatory Committee**

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## **I ORGANIZATION**

### **A Opening and duration of the Preparatory Committee and Resumed Session**

1 The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on the Information Society held its third session (PrepCom-3) from 15 to 26 September 2003 in Geneva. PrepCom-3 reconvened in Geneva from 10 to 14 November 2003.

2 The Fifth Plenary Meeting was opened by Mr. Adama Samassékou, President of the Preparatory Committee, who called upon all delegations to work actively on achieving a successful outcome to this last PrepCom meeting.

### **B Agenda of the Plenary Meetings of PrepCom-3 (Resumed Session)**

3 The Preparatory Committee adopted the agendas of the fifth (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/9), sixth (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/[]) and seventh (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/[]) Plenary Meetings. The draft agendas of all plenary meetings of PrepCom-3 have been published at [www.itu.int/wsis/documents/](http://www.itu.int/wsis/documents/)

### **C Organization of work**

4 The Secretary of the Plenary reminded participants that the agenda of PrepCom-3 had been adopted at the September meeting and that the resumed session was to focus primarily on items 9 to 13 of said agenda.

5 He also informed participants about the Draft Time Management Plan (Document WSIS/PC-3/ADM/10), which provided for evening sessions throughout the first four days of the meeting.

### **D Report of the President of the Preparatory Committee**

6 The President of the Preparatory Committee presented a report on the activities he undertook since the suspension of PrepCom 3 in September, at which time he was entrusted with the task of supervising a series of informal consultations on the working documents of the Summit. The purpose of said consultations was to prepare a non-paper to be considered at the resumed session in November. The President informed the participants that open meetings had been held under the chairmanship of Ambassadeur Asko Numminen (Finland) on 20, 30 and 31 October 2003, with a view to identifying the main contentious points in the Declaration of Principles and determining the best approach to ensure consensus would be reached. The consultations with some 80 governmental delegations resulted in a non-paper that consolidates the views expressed by participants in all fairness and impartiality.

7 Upon the presentation of report, the resumed session of PrepCom 3 accepted the proposal made by the President of the Preparatory Committee that the decision made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting be reconsidered and that the non-paper be adopted as the basis of all future negotiations, so as to make the most of the efforts made by the delegations directly involved in the exercise.

8 The comments received from the civil society and the private sector to the non-paper have been published on the WSIS website in all six official working languages of the PrepCom.

## **E Attendance**

9 In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 56/183 and rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Preparatory Committee, the resumed session of the third meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on the Information Society was open to the full participation of all States that were members of the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies.

10 The following 134 States were represented: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Gabonese Republic, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwandese Republic, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vatican, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

11 The European Community was represented, conforming to the Rules of Procedure of the Preparatory Committee.

12 The following United Nations bodies were represented: United Nations; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC); Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP); United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT); United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR); the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UNNGLS); and United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

13 The following specialized agencies of the United Nations and related organizations were represented: Universal Postal Union (UPU), The World Bank, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

14 The following invited intergovernmental organizations were represented: African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP); African Union (AU); The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN); Inter-American Development Bank (IADB); International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); International Telecommunication Satellite Organization (ITSO); Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU); League of Arab States (LAS); Organisation internationale de la

Francophonie (OIF); Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC); and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

15 Several non-governmental organizations and business sector entities, including ITU Sector Members, participated.

## **F Documentation**

16 The resumed session of the Third Meeting of the Preparatory Committee had before it the following official, administrative and working documents:

- Draft Declaration of Principles (WSIS\PC-3\DT\1) (Revision 2B)
- Draft Plan of Action (WSIS/PC-3/DOC/10 (rev. 1) (add. 2)).
- Non-Paper on the Declaration of Principles from the President of PrepCom
- Draft interim report of the Third Meeting of the Preparatory Committee (WSIS/PC-3/DOC/12)
- Information for Participants for PrepCom-3 Resumed Session (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/8-E);
- Draft Agenda of the Fifth Plenary meeting of PrepCom-3 (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/9);
- Draft Agenda of the Sixth Plenary meeting of PrepCom-3 (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/[]);
- Draft Agenda of the Seventh Plenary meeting of PrepCom-3 (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/[]);
- Draft time management plan (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/10);
- List of participants (WSIS/PC-3/ADM/11)

These documents can be found on the WSIS website at: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/documents/>.

## **II DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION AND REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE 2**

17 Subcommittee 2, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Asko Numminen (Finland) met several times during the resumed session of PrepCom-3. Following a decision taken in the opening Plenary, it took as the basis for work the non-paper of the President of the Preparatory Committee on the Draft Declaration of Principles and the Draft Plan of Action (Addendum 2 (Rev.1) to document WSIS/PC-3/DOC/10). In order to progress work on the two documents, ad hoc groups were set up on specific topics under the guidance of different countries.

18 As established at PrepCom-3, observers were allowed to attend the discussions in the Plenary and Working Group Meetings and were able to make brief statements on the invitation of the Chairperson.

19 A revised Draft Declaration of Principles (WSIS/PC-3/DT-6) was issued on Friday 14 November and a revised Draft Plan of Action (WSIS/PC-3/DT-5) was issued on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

### **III ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TUNIS PHASE OF THE SUMMIT**

20 The Prepcom took note of a proposal, put forward by the European Union, and supported by Tunisia, whereby a preparatory meeting would be held in the first half of 2004 to review those issues of the Information Society which should form the focus of the Tunis phase of the WSIS and to agree on the structure of the process for the second phase on the basis of contributions from delegations. The Bureau of the Tunis phase of the WSIS under the leadership of its Chairman should commence preparations of this preparatory meeting.

### **IV OUTCOME**

21 At its Seventh Plenary meeting on 14 November 2003, the Preparatory Committee took note of the oral report of the Chair of Subcommittee-2, considered the revised version of the Draft Declaration of Principles (WSIS/PC-3/DT-6 Rev 1) and the revised version of the Draft Plan of Action (WSIS/PC-3/DT-5 Rev. 1) and decided that both documents should be considered as the basis for further work. The two documents appear as Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 to Annex 1 to this Report.

22. The draft Final Report of the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Preparatory Committee was presented at the Seventh Plenary Meeting on Friday, 14 November 2003. The Rapporteur was entrusted with the task of finalizing the Final Report, with the assistance of the Executive Secretariat.

23. The Preparatory Committee also adopted the Decision of the Bureau, as follows:

- The PrepCom decides to suspend its session and to reconvene, at a high-level, on December 5-6, to complete negotiations to finalise the draft Declaration and draft Plan of Action.
- The PrepCom decides, in the interim period, to entrust the host country to facilitate agreement on all outstanding issues.

### **V OTHER BUSINESS**

24 No other business was raised under this item.

### **VI ANNEXES**

#### **Annex 1:**

Addendum 1: Draft Declaration of Principles (WSIS/PC-3/DT/6 Rev. 1).

Addendum 2: Draft Plan of Action (WSIS/PC-3/DT/5 Rev. 1).

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