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NOTE TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

Formation of ICT Executive Committee

With reference to your memorandum of 7 April, I am pleased to confirm my participation as a member of the newly-established Information and Communications Technology Executive Committee (ICT-EC).

With regard to the draft Terms of Reference attached to your memorandum, I wish to note that some of the issues under consideration for the mandate of the ICT-EC are closely related to the envisaged activities of another high-level body, the Internet Steering Committee (ISC). The establishment of the ISC was approved by EOSG on the basis of my proposals that had been developed in coordination with OICT. The Terms of Reference for the ISC are still being finalized by the Committee's Advisory Body, the Internet Governance Group (IGG).

In my capacity as a member of the ICT-EC and Chairman of the ISC, I will work to ensure that the two bodies collaborate effectively to deal with an array of complex and often overlapping issues. The delineation of respective duties and responsibilities of the ICT-EC and the ISC would be an important matter to be addressed, while the Terms of Reference of the two Committees are being developed.

I look forward to working with you and other members of the new Committee, and I am confident that, under your guidance and leadership, we will achieve the desired results.

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