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WSIS - Open-ended Meeting of the Task Force on Internet Governance Forum

NOTIFICATION

TO: All Members of the Group of 77 and China (UNCTAD)

On behalf of His Excellency Ambassador Masood KHAN, Permanent Representative of Pakistan and Chairman of the Group of 77 and China in Geneva, please be informed that an open-ended meeting of the G-77 Task Force on Internet Governance Forum will be held on **Tuesday, 23 May 2006, at 14.00 hrs., in room E.8121 (8th floor, E building)**, at the Palais des Nations.

Agenda: Exchange of views with the civil society on the development aspects of the Internet governance.

Report by Bill Drake:

Just a quick note to say that we had a productive meeting today with some of the G77 & China governments and agreed to actively explore maintaining an ongoing dialogue, most notably with respect to the development dimensions of Internet governance. We will probably try to organize follow-up F2F meetings, perhaps in the summer and fall, and could create a joint electronic space to advance more inclusive discussion. There was also some interest in the possibility of collaborating on the monitoring and analysis of governance trends from a development perspective, although the modalities would have to be worked out. Finally, they were keen to see more analytical work on IG and development from academics and other CS researchers, which could aid their own efforts.

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