

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF ITALY

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE INFOPOVERTY WORLD CONFERENCE "FIGHTING POVERTY TO CREATE PROSPERITY FOR ALL" THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WISHES TO EXPRESS TO THE ORGANIZERS HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE HIGH SOCIAL VALUE OF THE INITIATIVE. SPREADING THE INFORMATION ECONOMY MEANS CREATING NEW VISIONS AIMED AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY OF KNOWLEDGE AND OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION AND THE INTERNET HAVE OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS.

REDUCING THE DIVIDE IN THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND EXTENDING ACCESS AND APPLICATIONS OF INFORMATION IS A CRUCIAL REQUISITE TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND FAVOUR PROCESSES OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF SUSTAINABLE AND LASTING GROWTH.

BEARING THIS IN MIND, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, TO WHOM I ASSOCIATE MYSELF, GREETES YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS, THE AUTHORITIES AND ALL THOSE ATTENDING THIS EVENT.

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