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59th SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION ON THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/183 of 21 December 2001 and 57/238 of 20 December 2002

Reaffirming the potential of Information and Communication Technologies as powerful tools to foster socio-economic development and contribute to the realisation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millenium Declaration,

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of Switzerland for having hosted the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003 and for the support and arrangements put at the disposal of the Summit;
2. *Renews* its acknowledgement with gratitude for the generous offer of Tunisia to host the second phase of the Summit, which will take place in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005;
3. *Takes note* of the Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the first phase and progress in preparation for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society;
4. *Endorses* the Declaration of principles and Plan of Action as adopted by the Summit on 12 December 2003⁽¹⁾, and welcomes, in this regard, the strong development orientation of both documents, and stresses the importance of effective and timely implementation of the Plan of Action;
5. *Welcomes* the contribution of Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, including the ICT Task Force and other intergovernmental organisations, non-government organisations, civil society and the private sector to the success of the Geneva phase;
6. *Urges* Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, including the ICT Task Force and other intergovernmental organisations, non government organisations, the civil society and the private sector to contribute actively to the implementation of the outcome of the Geneva phase and to the preparatory process of the Tunis phase of the Summit as well as to the Summit itself in order to ensure its overall success and sustainable development impact;

7. *Takes note* of the results and decisions of the first meeting of the preparatory Committee, held in Hammamet (Tunisia) from 24-26 June 2004, concerning the structure and output of the second phase of the Summit;
8. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Working Group on Internet Governance and the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms, set up in accordance with the decisions of the first phase of the Summit;
9. *Invites* countries to send representation at the highest political level to the second phase of the Summit to be held in Tunis in 2005;
10. *Reiterates* its call to the international community to make voluntary contribution to the special fund established by the International Telecommunication Union to support the preparations for and holding of the Summit;
11. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to transmit to the General Assembly, as soon as it is available, the report of the World Summit on the Information Society.

⁽¹⁾ as contained in the Report on WSIS, reference AC2/59/3