



VII INFOPOVERTY WORLD CONFERENCE

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FINAL DECLARATION

Considering:

1. The analyses emerged during the Conference on present unbalances between those who have access to new technologies and those who have not, in particular fields such as connectivity, energetic gap, environmental emergencies, lack of products fit to the needs of new users, financial structures that are too centralised and expensive, fragmentation in actions promoted by stakeholders, lack of interoperability of systems and standard, absence of primary health services, lack of coordination among programmes and projects, including those of the United Nations family.
2. The very effective concrete actions to improve conditions in disadvantaged communities presented during the Conference indicating a strong convergence on the importance of the social use of ICTs; the solutions on renewable energies, connectivity, e-learning and telemedicine opening new perspectives at affordable costs for high level technologies. See Annex 1
3. The successful outcomes of last year edition of the Infopoverty World Conference, whose Final Declaration, as per the report that was submitted by OCCAM, has been widely implemented in regards to:
 - a. The creation of a GRID of centres of excellence and the satellite platform of e-services for development
 - b. The duplication of the ICT Village model in communities in developing countries
 - c. The realisation of the Infopoverty Exhibition, held on February 6-10, 2007 at the Milan Fairground
 - d. The formulation of a strategy towards the bulk purchasing system i as a key element to favour the deployment of the positive effects of the digital revolution in emerging countries and disadvantaged communities and that it is feasible and urgent in regards to connectivity, renewable and clean energy and e-learning

The participants in the VII Infopoverty World Conference

Appreciate the continued patronage of the President of the Italian Republic for the realization of the series of the Infopoverty World Conferences;

Also appreciate the continued support of the European Parliament; whose member have actively participated in the Conference since 2001

Congratulate and thank the UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development for its facilitating the Conference and leads the whole process, making all stakeholders converge to achieve the Millennium Development Goals; and invite all its members to be coalition partners of the projects presented at the Conference, supporting the implementation of its aims:

In Angola to begin an ICT Village and development activities within the UN Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development; in the Dominican Republic to implement the ICT Village of Constanza; in Honduras to strengthen the activities in San Francisco Lempira and San Ramon, inaugurated in 2000; in Liberia to develop a strategic

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platform to fight poverty harnessing the use of ICTs; In Madagascar to develop the Sambaina ICT and Millennium Village, inaugurated in 2006.

Sustain the programme *Feeding the Planet* presented by the City of Milan

Promote a research on specific needs in ICTs of civil society and all NGOs in consultative status with the United Nations, individuating common requests at the basis of a forthcoming bulk of users, with the sufficient critical mass able to grant better value for money.

Adhere to the Infopoverty Community of Expertise to make the Platform of e-services for development more effective.

Approve and encourage all stakeholders to be coalition partners for the creation of a permanent UN-ICT Village atelier – proposed by OCCAM in the light of the success of the Infopoverty Exhibition– aimed at testing and showcasing innovative solutions at affordable costs for the needs of emerging countries and disadvantaged communities.

Decide to hold the next Infopoverty World Conference in April 2008 proposing the following issue: Low Cost – High Technologies for development, requesting all stakeholders to actively support the above mentioned initiatives and facilitate the organization of the Infopoverty World Conference 2008.

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Annex 1: Report on projects presented