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CCBI comments on Section 3a of the Chair's Internet Governance Paper
Intervention by Ayesha Hassan (ICC)
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Thank you Chair.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide general comments on section 3A of your paper. As you work this afternoon we would like to highlight some of CCBI's key positions on this section. Some of the proposals are not consistent with these principles and would have negative impacts on the evolution of the Internet.

In paragraph 45, we propose the following text. "We recognize that security, stability and continuity of the Internet have been, and continue to be, of the highest priority to all stakeholders. We express our appreciation for the way the private sector and governments and other stakeholders have worked in partnership to ensure the integrity of the Internet *and welcome the many steps that have been taken so far to internationalize management of the domain name system.* We commit to take no action that threatens the stability and security of the Internet."

We think it is important to acknowledge the mutual commitment not to take any action that will undermine the stability and security of the Internet.

In the new paragraph 48 in room document 1, we believe that Internet resources should be available to meet the needs of stakeholders globally. Plans to allocate and distribute Internet resources should be based on engineering principles to meet those growing needs while keeping the risks to the stability and security of the Internet low. Private sector leadership in this area provides the opportunity for governmental and civil society participation and should be supported. We therefore request that you replace text with "*We support a multistakeholder approach in meeting the needs of users for access to IP addressing resources.*" Furthermore, we suggest the insertion of a sentence with an example such as Afrinic.

Returning to the Chair's Paper, in paragraph 48 of that document, we suggest deletion of the paragraph because it has been sufficiently addressed in other paragraphs in this section proposed by delegations.

I would like to call attention to our written comments which are available. Thank you for your attention.

WHAT IS THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS INTERLOCUTORS (CCBI)?

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was held during the week of 8 December 2003 in Geneva, culminating in the Summit segment on 10-12 December 2003. The second part of this Summit will take place in 2005 in Tunisia.

Principals of the Summit host countries and executive secretariat invited the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to create the Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors (CCBI) as a vehicle through which to mobilize and coordinate the involvement of the worldwide business community in the processes leading to and culminating in the Summit. ICC and the CCBI group led the private-sector effort to provide substantive input into the first phase of the Summit, and mobilized the private sector to participate in the preparatory phases and at the Summit itself. The CCBI, is constituted of the following organizations and their members: Among the organizations actively involved in the work of the CCBI, in addition to ICC, are: Asociacion Hispanoamericana de Centros de Investigacion y Empresas de Telecomunicaciones, Brazilian Chamber of Electronic Commerce, the Business Council of the United Nations, Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD; Global Business Dialogue on Electronic Commerce; Global Information Infrastructure Commission; Money Matters Institute; United States Council on International Business; World Economic Forum; World Information Technology and Services Alliance; French Publishers Association; International Publishers Association; and Gobierno Digital.

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the CCBI website at www.businessatwsis.net
or ICC's website at: <http://www.iccwbo.org/policy/ebitt/id2343/index.html>
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