

## **Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors (CCBI)**

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#### **CCBI comments on Section 3a of the Chair's Internet Governance Paper Intervention by Brian Cute (VeriSign) Tuesday 27 September 2005**

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VeriSign is one of the many operators of the Internet root server resources under the existing multi-stakeholder model – a model that has enabled the rapid, global proliferation of the Internet in a secure and stable manner. VeriSign coordinates closely with other root server operators – operators that are themselves globally dispersed -- to provide a root server system that is designed to be redundant, to avoid a single point of failure and to provide secure and stable access to all Internet users. Indeed, the original technical limitation of 13 distinct root servers does not mean that the root server system is likewise limited in number and geography. The system is currently comprised of over 100 unicast and anycast mirror sites and that number will continue to grow.

VeriSign wishes to express its deep concern that any language offered should fully support the existing multi-stakeholder model. VeriSign recognizes the important role that governments must play with regard to public policy issues and noted this in its comments on the WGIG report. However, we must also note that is an existing public policy position that helped to establish and continues to encourage a secure and stable Internet for all users.

In addition, the recent development of anycasting technology will significantly facilitate the further global distribution of root server resources. VeriSign works closely with the technical community concerning the implementation of anycasting in the root server system and has also worked closely with a number of governments to deploy regional resolution servers in their respective countries. These servers will enhance the stability and security of the root zone system and the Internet itself and those collaborative efforts will continue. Given the global distribution of the root server system and the development and implementation of anycasting technology, the existing multi-stakeholder model (and the public policy position that supports it), will continue to encourage the future development and distribution of these critical resources.

## **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](http://www.businessatwsis.net)  
or ICC's website at: <http://www.iccwbo.org/policy/ebitt/id2343/index.html>  
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