

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

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**CCBI Intervention in responding to proposals to establish a “Forum”**  
**Intervention by Art Reilly (Cisco)**  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to speak.

The CCBI looks forward to seeing the proposals in writing so that we can comment on these proposals.

Earlier today, CCBI presented its views on “the forum function.” I will not repeat them.

As CCBI considers the proposals, we will use criteria including the points that I made earlier.

We will determine:

First, would the proposal not threaten the stability and security of the Internet.

Second, would it promote development and expanded access to the Internet in order to facilitate the bridging of the digital divide.

Third, would any and all follow-up ensure the full and effective multistakeholder participation.

Fourth, would such follow-up be sensitive to financial and human resources.

We have submitted our comments on this subject from earlier today to the Secretariat and we will send these comments.

We reserve the right to provide additional comments on the proposals once we have reviewed the specific written text.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

## **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.

For further information regarding CCBI, please consult the WSIS website at: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html>  
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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## **ABOUT ICC**

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