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CCBI has carefully reviewed the revised chapter two and we propose the following comments:

Para 20 – Change the phrase “transfer of technology” to “transfer of technical know-how”.

Para 33 chapeau – Considering the alternatives we propose the following wording instead of the 2 alternatives “**We recognize** that there are a number of areas where additional attention could lead to more coherent and consolidated approaches”.

This includes:

On 36 a – Insert at end of this subparagraph “Creating an enabling environment including a stable and predictable judiciary system, the rule of law, removing obstacles to investment, and fighting corruption”.

36b – Change “regional backbone infrastructure” to “regional infrastructure”

37c – Delete i) and ii) and then replace “the following measures” with “creating a liberalized environment that encourages backbone providers to locate network access points locally, implementing Internet exchange points nationally and regionally, and facilitating the creation of more local content”

37l – We recommend deletion of “[, in a technology-neutral manner]”; This would be appropriate language only for fully substitutable services. The alternative we propose would be to add “for fully substitutable services”.

With respect to the Annex, CCBI supports addressing this topic in the implementation section of the documents. If this text is included in the financial mechanisms section then, CCBI supports Option 2 (“Promoting awareness of possibilities generated by different models including proprietary, free and open source software”)

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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