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Your Excellency, Mr. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya,
Honorable Samuel Poghiso, Minister of Information and Communications,
Honorable Ministers,
Delegates,
Distinguished Experts,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am happy to be here with you in Nairobi at this important event. It is also my pleasure to deliver a message on behalf of Ms. Haiyan Qian, Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which manages the Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum, who sends her regrets that she could not be with us today. I quote:

On behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Mr. Sha Zukang, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Government of Kenya for hosting the sixth meeting of the Internet Governance Forum. Its generous financial support and gracious hospitality made this forum yet another successful IGF meeting. I would also like to acknowledge with thanks the excellent facilities, logistic and administrative support provided by the United Nations Office in Nairobi.

Sincere thanks are also extended to all of you who participated in this forum and

for your continuous substantive contributions by further expounding the issues of importance that have been discussed at this and the previous six forums and through your intercessions at regional and national IGF meetings, all of which have positively impacted the building of consensus among all stakeholders worldwide.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the good work of the IGF Secretariat both in Geneva and New York, as well as that of the local staff, including the conference service staff, transcribers, interpreters and translators – without them meetings such as this one could not be run in a smooth and friendly manner.

I am sure you would all agree, although this is the first meeting of the second term of the IGF, the organization and substance of this forum continue to be at a high quality. It is important to remember that the dialogue and exchange that occurred as part of this forum could not have been possible without the support of the international donor community, including the financial support provided to the IGF project allowing it to fund seven participants from developing countries to attend the forum as well as the staff of the IGF Secretariat.

I, therefore, would like to acknowledge and thank all who support the IGF, both the financial and non-financial donors, and to reiterate the hope expressed by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Mr. Sha Zukang, and as delivered by the Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer, at the opening of this forum, that the community of donors will not only continue but increase its financial support to the IGF.

Excellencies, colleagues, friends:

Whilst we are in the process of concluding this 2011 forum, the Secretariat of the IGF will soon begin its preparations for the seventh IGF to be held in 2012. We stand ready to serve you and look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you.

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