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IPAIT

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The members of the International Parliamentarians' Association for Information Technology, gathered in the City of Brasilia - Brazil,

Whereas the purpose of the Association is to cause the multilateral parliamentary cooperation in Information and Communication Technologies ("ICT") areas;

Acknowledging the importance of intensifying collaboration among member States in overcoming the challenges imposed by the world economic order;

Convinced of the need of seeking, on a priority basis, democratization policies for Information and Communication Technologies and knowledge, and Digital and Social Inclusion;

Aware of the deep changes caused by the digital technologies for the convergence and globalization of countries' productive structures;

Concerned with the risk that such a process can increase social unevenness and opportunities among the countries;



Believing that Parliaments have a strategic function in formulating Public Policies turned to the Information and Communication Technologies area, which actually contribute to the economic and social development of societies;

Taking into account the recent technologic and legislative developments and the interchange of actions taken by member countries that succeeded in their countries of origin;

1. They congratulate each other for the success of the III Assembly of IPAIT, and for the urgency of its theme - "Information Technologies in Service of the Social Inclusion" - mainly in the reality of countries that did not succeed in democratizing the digital knowledge, and ratify the commitment of establishing an International Action Plan for overcoming the digital gap.

2. They manifest their support to the continuance of efforts, within the scope of the United Nations, and boards oriented to the discussion of the digital divide.

3. They reiterate the determination of continuing to incentive the development of computerized tools for language conversion.

4. They request to multilateral bodies not having special policies oriented to ICT the creation of funds for financing digital inclusion initiatives.

5. They reaffirm the need of creating conditions for instituting international funds destined for overcoming the digital divide among countries.

6. They undertake to manage actions for encouraging the use of Free Software in Parliaments integrating the Association, and working for its use in other government spheres.



7. They acknowledge the need of developing tools for the continuance and development of IPAIT itself.
8. They express their intention of using their best efforts in the furtherance of public policies that can reduce the costs and prices paid by citizens, specially the low income ones, in the acquisition and use of information and communication technology resources.
9. They reiterate their determination in approving laws improving the digital security and intend to reduce the occurrence and proliferation of computing crimes and spam.
10. They reaffirm the importance of the bilateral and multilateral collaboration and interchange in the fight against social exclusion.
11. They ratify the importance of adopting guidelines on digital inclusion proposed in the World Summit on the Information Society organized by UN and ITU.

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