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Team of Specialists on Internet Enterprise Development (TSIED)

**Minutes of the Conference Call
14 September 2005, 15.00 CET**

The Bureau of TSIED held a telephone conference call on 14 September 2005. The following persons participated:

Chairperson

Mr. Patrick Gannon, Chairman of the TSIED, President and CEO, OASIS
(United States of America)

Members of the Bureau Present

Mr. Georgi Stoev, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry
(Bulgaria)

Members of the Bureau not Present

Mr. Istvan Erenyi, Head, Ministry of Information and Telecommunicaton
(Hungary)

Mr. Yury Fontanov, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Communications
and Informatization (Russian Federation)

Mr. George Gomelauri, Founding Director, Engineer and Management Group
(Georgia) – due to technical problems

Mr. Zoran Jolevski, Secretary-General, Workshop on Intellectual Property
Rights and Trade Facilitation, (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Mr. Nurbek Toichubaev, Director, The Information Future Public Foundation
(Kyrgyzstan)

Secretariat

Ms. Michiko Enomoto, Secretary to the TSIED, UNECE

Mr. Mitja Jarh, UNECE

At the opening Ms. Enomoto informed the Bureau members on ongoing UNECE reform and the timeframe for implementation.

The main points discussed during the conference call were:

1. Report on an international conference on ICT and rural public information centres organized by the Information Future Public Foundation, Kyrgyz Republic
2. Other issues
3. Dates of TSIED teleconference calls

1. Report on an international conference on ICT and rural Public Information Centres (PICs) organized by the Information Future Public Foundation, Kyrgyz Republic

Ms. Enomoto informed the members of the TSIED Bureau on the international conference that took place on 16 and 17 August 2005 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

The meeting was organized by the Information Future Public Foundation, a non-for profit organization headed by Mr. Nurbek A. Toichubaev, a bureau member of TSIED, in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Kyrgyz Republic, UNECE, UNDP and EBRD.

The conference discussed mainly the regulatory framework and use of the rural Public Information Centres (PICs) for e-government, e-business, and e-education and e-health purposes. The conference further discussed issues on rural connectivity, evaluation of rural PICs projects and the establishment of an International Public Information Access Points Association.

Members of the Bureau have agreed to explore possible links for future cooperation with the network established at the conference, in particular in areas where the TSIED has a mandate. To this end the members of the Bureau have requested Mr. Toichubaev to draft a proposal for future cooperation with the TSIED. Members of the Bureau will discuss further the modalities of future cooperation with other organizations. The Bureau will also ensure that the work of TSIED does not duplicate any existing activities of other organizations within the UNECE region.

2. Other issues

Mr. Gannon informed members of the TSIED of the next OASIS meeting in October 2005 and the possibility of extending the reduced fee to TSIED and secretariat members.

3. Dates of TSIED teleconference calls

It was decided that the next teleconference will be held on 21 November 2005 at 15.00 Central European Time.
