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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the third World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Action Line Facilitation Meeting on "E-business", to be held on 22 May 2008 in Geneva, at the International Telecommunication Union, Room C2. The event is organized jointly by UNCTAD, the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), as mandated by paragraph 108 and the Annex of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, which call upon UN agencies to facilitate the implementation of the WSIS outcomes at the international level. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a number of WSIS-related events, scheduled between 13 and 23 May 2008 in Geneva.

The meeting will focus on the theme "**E-commerce as a key facilitator for SME competitiveness**". It will revisit the development of e-commerce in developing countries and present concrete and innovative e-commerce projects in developing countries. It will also identify the challenges and opportunities of e-commerce encountered by those countries and discuss successful e-commerce policies and strategies that facilitate the access of developing country SMEs to world markets, focusing on the legal framework.

WSIS stakeholders interested or involved in e-business and the information economy can attend the meeting. The outcome of the meeting will be disseminated to WSIS stakeholders involved in the implementation of the WSIS action lines.

Further information, including on the registration process, is available on (<http://r0.unctad.org/ecommerce/> and <http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/>). For all other enquiries, please contact Cécile Barayre (tel: +41 22 917 53 69, fax: +41 22 917 0050, E-Mail: cecile.barayre@unctad.org).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Panitchpakdi', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Supachai Panitchpakdi
Secretary-General of UNCTAD

To: All WSIS Stakeholders
- Governments
- Private Sector
- Civil Society
- International Organizations