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Ambassador Daniel Stauffacher
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Dear Ambassador Stauffacher,

The newly proposed partnership between the ICT4Peace Foundation and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), through the Global Symposium +5 'Information for Humanitarian Action' and **"ICT4Peace: An International Process for Crisis Management"** is indeed good news. It seems an excellent opportunity to link OCHA and the Humanitarian Information Network with the Foundation's work in promoting Information and Communication Technology in international crisis management, humanitarian aid and peace building.

I understand ICT4Peace and Global Symposium +5 share the common objective of mobilising the international community within its respective areas and to seek member state commitment by way of General Assembly endorsement. By forming this timely partnership, the two initiatives will strengthen their individual purposes by working towards one common Declaration.

As a means to move forward, I take pleasure in recapitulating the next steps agreed in the meeting on the 16 August 2007, between you and Symposium organisers, Sharon Rusu, Kirsten Mildren and Nicole Rencoret.

- ICT4Peace will recommend representatives to take part in the working groups and panels for the Global Symposium +5, (22 – 26 October);
- Meeting between ICT4Peace and OCHA in New York to be scheduled for September by Global Symposium Coordinator;
- OCHA to work with ICT4Peace in planning and preparations for the ICT4Peace high level panel scheduled for the 15 November in New York;
- OCHA to report back to ICT4Peace as to whether the USG John Holmes might be able to be a panelist for the high level panel on the 15 November in New York;
- Global Symposium +5 and ICT4Peace will both display the other's logo on their respective websites and promotional material;

OCHA through the Global Symposium +5 is fully committed to making this new partnership a success and promoting Information and Communications Technology in crisis management, as well as for humanitarian action.

Please accept, Mr Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Director
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
Geneva