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Dear Ambassador Stauffacher,

On behalf of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, all my colleagues who have been working in the ICT-for-development area, and on my personal behalf, I would like to express my profound appreciation for your leadership role in the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force.

Your keen commitment to ICT4D, your strategic vision, your diplomatic skills and your energy were an important factor in assuring the success of the ICT Task Force, in particular in organizing its contribution to the World Summit on the Information Society. Your tireless advocacy of multi-stakeholder participation in WSIS, its follow-up and implementation were instrumental in creating what is now acknowledged as a ground-breaking legacy of WSIS process – engagement of the private sector and civil society in promoting the use of ICT in advancing development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

The recently inaugurated Global Alliance for ICT and Development will carry the work launched by the ICT Task Force forward. We greatly appreciate your invaluable contribution to the development of the concept of the Alliance, formulation of its mission and mandate, and designing of effective modalities for its activities. I would therefore be immensely grateful if you would agree to continue collaborating with us in this area as a member of the Group of High-level Advisors and as a Special Advisor to me and to Sarbuland Khan, Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development. I am positive that with your wisdom, experience and keen understanding of ICT4D issues, you can make a very important contribution to building the Alliance into an effective multi-stakeholder platform for advancing the MDGs by harnessing and information and communication technologies in the service of the people living in poverty.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and to a continuation of our productive collaboration.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'José Antonio Ocampo'.

José Antonio Ocampo
Under-Secretary-General

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