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Closing Ceremony

[Post-Seoul Communiqué Summary] Shim Deok-seob, Director General for e-Government Bureau, Secretariat of GeGF 2013

Thank you, Chairman, for your kind introduction.

I am Shim Deok-seob, Director General for e-Government Bureau of the Ministry of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea.

Excellencies, Country Representatives, All Participants in the high-level roundtable, I am very much honored and privileged to take the floor.

As the Secretariat of the Global e-Government Forum, It is a noble duty to closely monitor the results we have adopted in the 1st Global e-Government Forum, the Seoul Communiqué.

Seoul Communiqué, was adopted by 17 participating countries and 2 international organizations, and it states three action plans: **firstly**, participating countries shall build an international cooperative network to share the diverse experiences and information; **secondly**, countries will work together to bridge the global digital divide; **and thirdly**, international organizations shall provide leadership in supporting those efforts in e-Government initiatives.

In preparing the 2nd Forum, we have disseminated a questionnaire, to collect and monitor follow-up actions taken by each country.

Despite of the limited number of answers we have received, it is noteworthy that many countries have made a step further by sharing information and collaborating with other countries and international organizations.

Among other countries, we notice two cases: Some countries like **East-Timor**, for instance,

have been preparing for the e-Government Master Plan, that will provide a framework for e-Government services for the people.

Other countries like **Uganda**, have been working closely with international organizations to develop a regional communication infrastructure program, in which e-Government development is integrated in order to enhance transparency and accountability of the Government.

In line with these initiatives and programs, as the Korean Minister Yoo Jeong-bok has emphasized during this opening speech, Korea has undertaken a series of follow-up actions in the spirit of sharing and paying back to the world.

Among other things, Korea has focused on the vital role of “Capacity Building for government officials”, as they are the agents for innovation.

In doing so, Korea has established “Global e-Government Academy” this year, and provided tailored e-Government training programs for visiting officials to Korea.

Also, Korea has implemented bi-lateral cooperation by signing the MOU on cooperation in the area of e-Government, to consolidate Korea’s efforts in sharing our development experiences, especially through e-Government.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to reiterate that we will continue to stand at the forefront, to establish global cooperative network for e-Government, that will in turn, to contribute to shaping the new strategy that benefit all countries.

With this, I would like to conclude the Secretariat’s brief report on Seoul Communique and its follow-up actions.

Thank you for your kind attention.