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**Coordination of the policies and activities  
of the specialized agencies and other  
bodies of the United Nations system  
related to the following theme: the role of  
the United Nations in promoting  
development, particularly with respect to  
access to and transfer of knowledge and  
technology, especially information and  
communication technologies, inter alia,  
through partnerships with relevant  
stakeholders, including the private sector**

**Economic and environmental questions:  
public administration and development**

## **Letter dated 1 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit the findings and recommendations of the Third Global Forum: Fostering Democracy and Development through e-Government, held in Naples from 15 to 17 March 2001 (see annex). The Forum was organized by the Government of Italy, with the support of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under item 12 of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council, under items 4 and 13 (k) of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Sergio **Vento**  
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Permanent Representative

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