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Item 4.2 of the provisional agenda**Amendment to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5 2nd version)**

Submitted by **IRAN (Islamic Republic of)**

Part II.A – Programmes:

Major Programme:	V – COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
Resolution No.:	05000
Biennial sectoral priority:	2 Promoting innovative applications of ICTs for sustainable development
Paragraph:	(a) (v)
Budgetary implications indicated by the sponsor:	\$60,000
Source of financing proposed by the sponsor:	Regular budget and extrabudgetary resources provided for Major Programme V: Communication and Information; MLA 5: fostering the development of infostructures and MLA 2.

Proposed modification:

- (v) fostering the development of infostructures; and to that end: support the formulation of strategies, policies and best practices for the professional management of information; develop new approaches to knowledge dissemination and utilization, including through free and open sources software; develop strategies and practices for the use of ICTs in support of virtual universities and Education for All goals; and support innovative use of ICTs for disseminating scientific knowledge and preserving cultural expression;

* This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 27 August 2007.

Explanatory note:

Welcoming UNESCO's main objective stipulated in its Mid-Term Strategy 2008-2013, emphasizing the establishment of inclusive knowledge societies through communication and information, and with a view to the importance of providing the grounds for a just and appropriate access of all to information, as a fundamental principle in the establishment of knowledge societies,

Bearing upon fast advancements of the ITs, the increased applications of which in learning and education has set the grounds for a fast growth of virtual education – a matter which has itself paved the way for greater research and scientific cooperation among universities,

With a view to the development of the Avicenna Virtual University project among the Mediterranean States – a project carried out in cooperation with UNESCO and endeavours for setting up a network of virtual universities in other regions of the globe,

In consequence whereof, it is suggested to establish a network of virtual universities among West-Asian countries in cooperation with UNESCO.

UNESCO is therefore expected to provide the necessary financial means in the first stage of the work for a feasibility study of the project.