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Dear Marius,

First of all Sylviane Toporkoff , President and Sébastien Lévy, Vice President as well as all the Global Forum/Shaping the Future team in Paris & in Bucharest, want to express our gratitude for your participation and involvement in the Global Forum 2009 that took place last week in Bucharest.

The 18th edition of the Global Forum exceeded all our expectations despite a background of economic crisis. In this troubled period, we chose to organize the Global Forum 2009 in Eastern Europe as the role of the Global Forum is and will always be to emphasize the economic potential of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to pull the world into growth and in this time into recovery. We built the programme and kept these objectives in mind when we decided the theme of the sessions.

We thank you for your outstanding presentation in the session 8 THE FUTURE IS GREEN. We have excellent feedback on its content and interactivity. You played a major role in the success of the Global Forum 2009.

We managed again this year to bring together more than 450 high level representatives from all over the world and different domains to favour exchange and debates among them. The Global Forum gathered political representatives such as the President of Romania Mr. Traian Basescu, the Romanian Minister of Communications and Information Society, Mr. Gabriel Sandu; the Ambassador of the USA, Mr. Mark Gitenstein.

We also had the pleasure to have among us high-level companies representatives such as the President of Hewlett-Packard Romania ; the President of Romtelecom; the Vice President Multimedia and System Integration of Ericsson South East Europe; The Vice President International Public Policy & Regulatory Affairs of Verizon; The Assistant Vice President Public Policy of AT&T.

The Global Forum 2009 also brought together representatives of national and international organizations and agencies such as the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania- ANCOM-; China Academy of Telecommunication Research, MIIT – CATR; National IT and Telecom Agency -NITA- Denmark ; Federal Trade Commission - FTC- , USA ; United Nations Development Programme –UNDP-; World Bank Group...

We believe that the Global Forum 2009 and the issues tackled during the think-tank will be the start of a more global discussion of the use of the ITC to accelerate a worldwide recovery and we hope that next year with your support we will exceed what we have achieved this year.

Please do not hesitate to visit our website: <http://www.items.fr/spip.php?rubrique102>; all the presentations are now online.

It was a pleasure for us to have you with us in Bucharest and we send you our warmest regards,

Sylviane Toporkoff & Sébastien Lévy