

Annex 4
GCAP Structure post-2007
Guiding Principles for the Future Structure Task Group

(1) Mandate:

Based on the consultation and discussion prior to and during the Montevideo meeting, the Group will analyze the pros and cons of different structural options for GCAP post January 2008 and make a proposal to the IFT and the global assembly. The Group will:

- a) make sure that its membership has the balanced representation by region, constituencies and gender;
- b) ensure that the Guiding Principles as decided at the Montevideo meeting are respected and upheld;
- c) respect the results of the straw poll taken during the Montevideo meeting;
- d) follow the procedure as confirmed during the Montevideo meeting;
- e) seek support and guidance of the professional expertise from outside of the GCAP;
- f) seek advice of the funder's group, when necessary.

(2) Guiding Principles

- Within the agreed declarations of GCAP, the national coalitions are the base for our action and co-operation
- National coalitions must have a genuine, broad-based constituency
- Regional secretariats are important but their role must be clarified
- We need a clear global structure

The following principles apply at the global, regional and national level:

- We need more transparency at all levels
- We must have good communications between levels and at each level
- We need more clarity about decision making
- Gender equity and regional representation in all our structures must be paramount
- There must be accountability at each level and between each level and to constituencies (financial and political, and in terms of process)
- There must be more clarity in terms of roles, responsibilities & mandates
- We must have translation into English, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic – in a timely fashion
- We must be flexible, light and able to act and react quickly