### INFORMATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: The governments of the world agreed on…

“Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression, this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”


“We recognize that education, knowledge, information and communication are at the core of human progress, endeavour and well-being…The rapid progress of these technologies opens completely new opportunities to attain higher levels of development.”


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| Countries above average                                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| **PERSONAL COMPUTERS**                                            |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| (per 1,000 people)                                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| (per million people)                                              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| (% of GDP)                                                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| **TERTIARY EDUCATION ENROLLMENT RATIO**                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| (% of population)                                                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |


Levels of progress:
- Significant progress
- Slight progress
- Stagnant
- Slight regression
- Significant regression

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