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Dr. Paul Twomey  
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Dear Dr. Twomey,

On behalf of the OECD, I would like to express our warm appreciation for your participation in the Seoul Ministerial Meeting on the Future of the Internet Economy, 17-18 June 2008.

Your contribution, particularly in Roundtable 5, played a key role in the success of the Ministerial and in ensuring outcomes that will further the development of Internet Economy in meeting economic and social goals.

The main outcome of the meeting was the adoption of the Seoul Declaration by the 30 OECD Member countries as well as 9 non-members and the European Community. I am pleased to report that the declaration has subsequently been adopted, by the OECD Council. It now forms a cornerstone of the OECD *acquis* in this area and provides a roadmap that sets forth core values and basic principles for the future development of the Internet Economy.

The Seoul Ministerial, the first such OECD event in Asia, attracted 2300 participants from business, organised labour, civil society and the Internet technical community and, of course, government. This included the President of Korea, the Prime Minister of Korea together with some 22 Ministers, 8 Deputy or Vice-Ministers and 25 Ambassadors from 43 countries.

I was also pleased to see the innovative use of Internet tools to enable Ministers and people, from around the world, to participate and interact at the Ministerial. A dedicated YouTube channel has had more than one hundred thousand views from more than 100 countries.

I came away from the Ministerial with a strong commitment to further the multi-stakeholder co-operation, so evident at the meeting and critical for further progress to be made. In this respect the OECD looks forward to continue working with you to achieve the goals set forth in the Seoul Declaration.

Finally, I take this opportunity to note that video of the all sessions, as well as documents from the Ministerial, can be accessed at: [www.oecd.org/FutureInternet](http://www.oecd.org/FutureInternet)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angel Gurría'.

Angel Gurría  
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