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"The new communications technologies have divided the world into those who are, and those who are not connected to the global networks. Being connected to this knowledge and participating in a true globalization of information that amounts to real sharing as opposed to exclusion, and that puts an end to the widespread 'brain drain', is a strategic imperative for the survival of our cultural identities in the coming century."

References to the original: <u>Message to participants in the Ministerial Meeting of the Group if 77. 19</u> <u>september 1999</u>

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