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Dear colleagues,

I first of all wish to thank all participants in the **informal meeting on 17 May 2005**, which was the occasion to pursue the discussion undertaken during the intergovernmental meeting of experts of April 2005, aimed at finalizing a draft declaration on universal norms on bioethics.

As recognized by many participants, the meeting was extremely fruitful. I take this opportunity to welcome the open dialogue and the cooperative and constructive attitude that led us to a reach and useful exchange. I am confident that the informal consultations and discussion held on this occasion will contribute to go forward in the governmental negotiations in order to achieve a consensual text.

I am therefore pleased to send you attached a copy of the "Non Paper from the Chairman" distributed at the meeting together with a summary of the discussions. I do hope that this material will be useful to your country for the preparation of the second session of the meeting next June. These documents are also available on the Internet website devoted to this undertaking: [www.unesco.org/bioethics](http://www.unesco.org/bioethics).

Please feel free to let me have, preferably through the Secretariat (e-mail: [s.colombo@unesco.org](mailto:s.colombo@unesco.org); fax: 01 45 68 55 15), any comments regarding the summary and the non paper as well as any suggestion in regard to the best ways to proceed from now to the meeting in June.

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Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Meeting

*To Permanent Delegations of UNESCO*