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Fighting the digital divide: the challenge for small consumers

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In the Declaration of Principles adopted on 12 December 2003, in Geneva by first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, the political leaders agreed to recognize the potential of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in the socio-economic development processes, including their contribution in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. In this context, the digital divide is of particular relevance, and this paper aims to contribute to the debate on the digital divide by summing up some of the outcome of an empiric research carried out in the Université Libre de Bruxelles on the impact of the TIC in developing economies².

¹ *The opinions developed here are those of the author and may not represent the position of the European Commission*

² Technologies de l'Information et des communications, effets sur les économies en développement : une approche en termes de systèmes d'accès ULB, under the direction of Prof Kahlid Sekkat 2002-2003.