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Note by the Secretary-General

CONTRIBUTION FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON INTERNATIONAL INTERNET-RELATED PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES
(COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1305, 1336, 1344)

I have the honour to transmit to the Member States of the Council a contribution received from the **Russian Federation**.

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Contribution from the Russian Federation

COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL INTERNET-RELATED PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES (COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1305, 1336, 1344)

Summary

Defining the basic principles for State participation and the role of governments in the multistakeholder Internet governance model is one of the most important aspects of international Internet-related public policy.

This document reflects the view of the Russian Federation to the effect that these principles and corresponding provisions need to be considered within the framework of CWG-Internet.

Action required

The Council is invited to **instruct CWG-Internet to draw up and submit its proposals on this subject for consideration by Council-14.**

References

[Council Resolution 1305 \(2009\)](#)

[Council Resolution 1336 \(2011\)](#)

[Council Resolution 1344 \(2012\)](#)

[Report by the Chairman of the fifth ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum](#)

1 Introduction

The Dedicated Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues (CWG-Internet) was set up under [Council Resolution 1336 \(2011\)](#), limited to ITU Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders.

ITU Member States are invited “to elaborate their respective position on each of the international Internet-related public policy issues addressed by the Council Working Group and to contribute actively to the work of the Group”.

In accordance with its terms of reference, CWG-Internet is charged with identifying, studying and developing matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, and including those issues identified in [Council Resolution 1305 \(2009\)](#).

2 Role of governments in the Internet governance model

Among the international Internet-related public policy issues identified for consideration in Annex 1 to Resolution 1305, there are issues that cannot be effectively resolved at the international level without the participation of States.

The need to define basic principles governing State participation and the role of governments in the multistakeholder Internet governance model is noted in § 35 of the Tunis Agenda, resolutions of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, and statements made at the WSIS Forums and in other forums addressing use of the Internet.

Proposals relating to State participation and the role of governments in the Internet governance model were also submitted to the fifth ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (Documents [WTPF-13/4](#) (section on draft Opinion 5) and [WTPF-13/5](#)). However, as there was not enough time to consider all aspects in detail, the forum was unable to arrive at a consensus on this issue. It was noted in the [report by the Chairman of the Forum](#) that many delegates supported the need to define the role of governments in the Internet governance model and for further discussion of the issues raised in Document [WTPF-13/5\(Rev.1\)](#). The view was expressed that the Council Working Group could study these issues and forward the output of its deliberations to the ITU Council. The forum participants called for consideration of this issue to be continued within ITU.

3 Proposals

The Russian Federation considers that defining the general principles for State participation and the role of governments in the Internet governance model is one of the most important aspects of international Internet-related public policy, and proposes that CWG-Internet be charged with drawing up and submitting to Council-14 relevant proposals on that issue, which may thereafter be presented for consideration by PP-14.
