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Note by the Secretary-General

**CONTRIBUTION FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON
MODIFICATIONS TO COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1336 AND 1344**

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

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Contribution from the United States of America

MODIFICATIONS TO COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1336 AND 1344

Introduction

Council [Resolution 1336](#), adopted in 2011, created the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues. Council [Resolution 1344](#), adopted in 2012, concerns the modality of open consultation for the Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues.

Discussion

The World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) endorsed an open, transparent, multistakeholder process whereby Member States, Sector Members and other stakeholders were able to discuss International Internet-related public policy matters and successfully adopt six opinions.

The quality of discussions at the WTPF was enriched by the presence of individuals from government, the technical community, industry, academia, and civil society. We believe, consistent with the consensus expressed at the WTPF, that it is now time to take the next step and fully open participation in the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues to all stakeholders. This is an important step toward the ITU continuing to promote openness and transparency in its processes – with regard to both the working methods and the issues under discussion.

Proposal

The United States proposes Council 2013 adopt the attached revisions to Council Resolutions 1336 (Annex 1) and 1344 (Annex 2), to open the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues, enabling participation by all stakeholders and conducting meetings and deliberations in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner.

Annexes: 2

ANNEX 1

RESOLUTION 1336

(adopted at the ninth Plenary Meeting)

Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues

The Council,

noting

WTSA Resolution 75 (Johannesburg, 2008) on ITU-T's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and the establishment of the Dedicated Group on international Internet-related public policy issues as an integral part of the Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society,

recognizing

- a) Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) on ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses;
- b) Council Resolution 1305 (2009) on the role of the Dedicated Group in identifying Internet-related public policy issues;
- c) Council Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2011) on ITU's role in implementing the WSIS outcomes, in accordance with Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010);
- d) [World Telecommunication Policy Forum \(WTPF\) Opinion 1 \(Geneva, 2013\) on promoting Internet Exchange Points \(IXPs\) as a long term solution to advance connectivity;](#)
- e) [WTPF Opinion 2 \(Geneva, 2013\) on fostering an enabling environment for the greater growth and development of broadband connectivity;](#)
- f) [WTPF Opinion 3 \(Geneva, 2013\) on supporting Capacity Building for the deployment of IPv6;](#)
- g) [WTPF Opinion 4 \(Geneva, 2013\) on in support of IPv6 adoption and transition from IPv4;](#)
- h) [WTPF Opinion 5 on \(Geneva, 2013\) on supporting multi-stakeholderism in Internet Governance;](#)
- i) [WTPF Opinion 6 on \(Geneva, 2013\) on supporting operationalizing the enhanced cooperation process,](#)

further recognizing

- a) that Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) instructed the Council to revise its appropriate resolutions to make the Dedicated Group into a Council Working Group, limited to Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders;

b) that Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) invited the Dedicated Group to consider and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux in relation to the implementation of that resolution and to prepare inputs into these activities as appropriate;

c) that § 35 of the Tunis Agenda reaffirms that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations. In this respect it is recognized that:

- i. Policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for international Internet-related public policy issues.
- ii. The private sector has had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of the Internet, both in the technical and economic fields.
- iii. Civil society has also played an important role on Internet matters, especially at community level, and should continue to play such a role.
- iv. Intergovernmental organizations have had, and should continue to have, a facilitating role in the coordination of Internet-related public policy issues.
- v. International organizations have also had and should continue to have an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies.

d) that § 68 of the Tunis Agenda recognizes that all governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet. It also recognizes the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders;

e) that § 36 of the Tunis Agenda recognizes the valuable contribution by the academic and technical communities within those stakeholder groups mentioned in § 35 to the evolution, functioning and development of the Internet;

f) that multistakeholder governance of the Internet must continue to involve all parties, each in their respective roles and responsibilities, and, to that end, all stakeholders should continue to cooperate in good faith;

g) that the goal and intent of open consultations with stakeholders is to bring in unique perspectives that various stakeholder groups may have on aspects of certain topics, bearing in mind the sovereign right of states on public policy issues;

h) that various organizations, institutions and entities provide valuable contributions to balanced participation of all stakeholders on Internet governance related issues.

resolves

1. to make the Dedicated Group a Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues, limited to Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders and with terms of reference as described in the Annex;

2. to implement open consultation to all stakeholders by making the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues open to all stakeholders;

3. to conduct meetings and deliberations of CWG-IIRPPI in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, enabling participation by all stakeholders and ensuring documents are freely accessible.

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to provide all relevant inputs and necessary support to ensure that the Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues successfully carries out its work efficiently and effectively and that it is open and transparent, including support for open consultation to all stakeholders as described in the Annex;

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2. to disseminate, as appropriate, the reports of the Council Working Group to all relevant international organizations and stakeholders actively involved in such matters for their consideration in their policy making processes;

3. to report annually to the Council on activities undertaken on these subjects;

invites Member States

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;

encourages all Stakeholders

to actively contribute to and participate in the CWG-IIRPPI together with all other stakeholders.

ANNEX

Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the Council Working Group are:

1. to identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, and including those issues identified in Council Resolution 1305 (2009);
2. to make the CWG IIRPPI open to all stakeholders;
3. to conduct meetings and deliberations in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, enabling participation by all stakeholders and ensuring documents are freely accessible;

In this regard, as appropriate:

- ~~1-4.~~ _____ disseminate its outputs throughout ITU's membership and to all relevant international organizations and stakeholders actively involved in such matters for their consideration in their policy making processes;
- ~~2-5.~~ _____ consider and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to implementation of Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) and to prepare inputs into these activities as appropriate;
- ~~3-6.~~ _____ to initiate and continue conducting open consultations with all stakeholders in an open and inclusive manner; and the output of the open consultations will be presented for consideration in the deliberations of the Council Working Group.

ANNEX 2

RESOLUTION 1344

(adopted at the fourth Plenary Meeting)

The modality of open consultation for the Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-InternetIIRPPI)

The Council,

recognizing

a) that Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) instructed the Council to revise its appropriate resolutions to make the Dedicated Group into a Council Working Group, limited to Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders;

b) that Council 2011 Resolution 1336 established the Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-InternetIIRPPI), limited to Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders and with terms of reference as described in the Annex of the Resolution;

considering,

a) that, at its 2012 session, the Council decided that all relevant stakeholders should participate in the work of the Informal Experts Group (IEG) convened by the ITU Secretary-General to prepare for the 2013 WTPF;

b) that international Internet-related public policy issues were successfully discussed in an open and transparent process during the IEG;

c) that during the WTPF many delegates stressed the importance that the ITU promote and discuss international Internet-related issues in an open, transparent and multistakeholder manner,

further recognizing

the terms of reference for CWG-Internet, specified in Council 2011 Resolution 1336, are: to identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, and including those issues identified in Council Resolution 1305 (2009); In this regard, as appropriate:

1. disseminate its outputs throughout ITU's membership and to all relevant international organizations and stakeholders actively involved in such matters for their consideration in their policy making processes;
2. consider and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to implementation of Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) and to prepare inputs into these activities as appropriate;
3. initiate and conduct open consultations with all stakeholders in an open and inclusive manner; and the output of the open consultations will be presented for consideration in the deliberations of the Council Working Group,

—resolves

1. that the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues (CWG IIRPPI) is open to all stakeholders taking into account Council Resolutions 1305 and revised 1336;
 2. that the CWG-IIRPPI ~~Internet~~ will decide on the international Internet-related public policy issues for open consultation;
 3. that the CWG IIRPPI should conduct meetings and deliberations in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, enabling participation by all stakeholders and ensuring documents are freely accessible.
 4. that ~~Th~~ ~~thee~~ CWG IIRPPI should continue to ~~Group will~~ hold online consultations for all stakeholders with the deadline for response being 1 month before the meeting of the CWG IIRPPI Group. All responses received will be available to the Group on a dedicated webpage of the CWG-~~Internet~~IIRPPI website; in this regard:
- All stakeholders can submit their responses to a reflector set up by the ITU Secretariat.
 - An email address will be provided to send responses to the ITU Secretariat.
 - All responses received from stakeholders will be posted, without edits, to the CWG-~~Internet~~ IIRPPI website for consideration in its next meeting.

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