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Note by the Secretary-General

CONTRIBUTION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND ON OPENING OF COUNCIL
WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL INTERNET-RELATED PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES
FOR ALL INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS

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

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Contribution from the Republic of Poland

on

Opening of Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues for all interested stakeholders

The Republic of Poland,

noting

the outcomes of the discussion led by ITU Secretary-General during the World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum, especially in reference to the questions and issues raised in draft opinion on *the Role of Government in the Multistakeholder Framework for Internet Governance* that were referred to the CWG Internet-related Public Policy Issues,

recognizing

- a) all relevant resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, especially, but not limited to:
 - Resolution 102 (Guadalajara, 2010) "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) all relevant outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);
- c) all relevant resolutions of ITU Council, especially, but not limited to:
 - Council Resolution 1336 "Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues";
 - Council Resolution 1344 "The modality of open consultation for the Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)",

considering

- b) that the development of the Internet is essentially market-led and driven by private and government initiatives;
- c) that the private sector continues to play a very important role in the expansion and development of the Internet, for example through investments in infrastructures and services;
- c) that the management of the Internet is a subject of valid international interest and must flow from full international and multistakeholder cooperation on the basis of the outcomes of the two phases of WSIS,

further recognizing

- a) 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;

b) 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;

c) 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;

proposes

to hold a discussion on amending Resolution 102 and other relevant documents (such as Terms of Reference of the group) in order to open the **Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues for participation to all interested stakeholders.**

Rationale:

The CWG is one of the forums where discussion regarding functioning of the Internet is led. Member States are only one of the stakeholders interested and engaged in the process. Input from other entities dealing with these issues will surely foster the discussion and provide more generous information on specific issues. Involvement of other stakeholders in the work of the group will allow building consensus before meeting in other forums. This model of discussion proved to be successful during the World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum held in May 2013 in Geneva.
