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RESOURCE ROADMAP TO THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1305 AND OPENNESS OF CWG IIRPPI

Introduction

Pursuant to the Council Resolution 1344, the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG IIRPPI) conducted an online open consultation on certain international Internet public policy issues and received 32 comments.

The United States notes that the comments reflect that technical and policy discussions related to Internet public policy issues should recognize the roles and responsibilities of all relevant and interested stakeholders. The United States agrees with commenters who note that Internet-related public policy issues should be discussed in a multi-stakeholder environment. This allows all stakeholders to bring in unique perspectives they may have each in their respective roles and responsibilities.

Discussion

The United States would also like to highlight our recent experience at the World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) where, in our view, the quality of the discussions were greatly enriched by the participation 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 CWG IIRPPI to all relevant and interested 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, therefore, proposes that in the CWG IIRPPI's final report, it request the ITU Council to officially request the upcoming 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference to consider permitting the CWG IIRPPI to conduct its meetings and deliberations in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, enabling participation by all stakeholders and ensuring that documents are freely accessible.

To facilitate a greater understanding of the role of all stakeholders, the United States proposes that the CWG IIRPPI undertake as part of its deliberations a study to develop an informational resource roadmap to serve as a companion to Council Resolution 1305

documenting other entities and their roles and responsibilities in Internet-related public policy issues. The United States believes that this would be a useful resource guide for Member States, as they will have at their disposal a list of all of the relevant entities involved in Internet-related public policy issues and activities.
