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**COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL INTERNET-RELATED PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES**

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**Council Working Group – International Internet related public policy issues**

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**Open Consultation Topic**

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**Introduction**

Council 2012 Resolution 1344 provides that the Council Working Group on International Internet Related Public Policy Issues (CWG IIRPPI) identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, including those issues identified in Council Resolution 1305 (2009), and hold online consultations for all stakeholders with the deadline for response being 1 month before the meeting of the next (CWG IIRPP).

**Background:**

Taking into consideration §35 of the Tunis Agenda, the United States believes the online consultations with all stakeholders provides an opportunity for the CWG IIRPPI to better understand the needs and challenges of other stakeholders with respect to international Internet-related public policy issues identified in Council Resolution 1305 (2009). However, it is also important to ensure that the online consultations are within the context of the ITU's role in Internet-related public policy issues consistent with the core competencies and mandate of the Union as agreed by the membership. Furthermore, the online consultations must recognize existing frameworks and the role other stakeholders play and/or have responsibility for with respect to Internet-related public policy issues.

**Proposals:**

1. Based on the terms of references outlined in Council Resolution 1344 (2012) and the list of topics from Annex 1 of Council Resolution 1305 (2009), the United States proposes the following topics for the online consultation with stakeholders:

   - (6) Dealing effectively with spam; and
   - (10) Development aspects of the Internet

The United States believes input from stakeholders on these two topics will inform the ongoing technical work of the Standardization and Development Sectors related to spam and capacity building and international Internet-related development issues.

2.  In order to facilitate the secretariat's creation of the webpage, we propose the following language as a way of introducing the consultation topics:

    *   The Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues invites all stakeholders to provide input on "**Dealing effectively with spam.**" Stakeholder input should take into account the ITU's mandate and core competences in the context of existing frameworks and the role other stakeholders play and/or have responsibility for regarding this topic.  We propose the consultation to be open from **1 February 2013 until 1 July 2013,** but extendable consistent with the desirability of publishing a compilation of the Comments at least one month before the next meeting to permit delegations to prepare adequately.

    *   The Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues invites all stakeholders to provide input on "**Development aspects of the Internet**." Stakeholder input should take into account the ITU's mandate and core competences in the context of existing frameworks and the role other stakeholders play and or "lead on" regarding this topic.  This consultation is open from **1 February 2013 until 1 July 2013**, but extendable consistent with the desirability of publishing a compilation of the Comments at least one month before the next meeting to permit delegations to prepare adequately..

3.  Additionally, the United States notes that since the adoption of Resolution 1305 (2009), several ITU assemblies, conferences and meetings have occurred.  We request the secretariat to prepare a draft update the "Relevant ITU Mandate" column of Annex 1 of Council Resolution 1305 (2009) for consideration by the Council at its next meeting. Furthermore, we request the secretariat to include in Annex 1 a new column identifying existing frameworks and/or the role other stakeholders play with respect to Internet-related public policy issues for consideration at the next CWG IIRPPI.