

United Kingdom
UK Paper on an Open Consultation

Introduction

1. At the last meeting of the Council Working Group on international internet-related public policy issues it was agreed that immediately after the following meeting in March 2014 the Group would undertake a consultation on the role of governments that would be open to all stakeholders.
2. The UK proposes that this open consultation should use the same question as the consultation which was only open to governments, that is:

“What actions have been undertaken or to be undertaken by governments in relations to each of the international Internet-related public policy issues identified in Annex 1 to Resolution 1305 (adopted by Council 2009 at the seventh Plenary Meeting)?”

In our view it is important that we use the same question so that we can understand the responses to both consultations on the same basis.

3. The UK also proposes that the consultation should open within two or three days of the March meeting and close after six weeks or so. Although this is a short timeline, we believe it is necessary in order that the responses can be reported to the ITU Council.
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