

United States of America

OPEN CONSULTATION

1. During the Third Meeting of the ITU's Council Working Group on International Internet-related Policy, member states agreed to conduct open consultations:

“The CWG will hold an open multistakeholder consultation on the role of governments immediately after its next meeting in March 2014, based on contributions by Member States.”

2. The United States fully supported the need for these consultations due to the mutual importance of each stakeholder. The CWG recently asked governments to examine their own actions in various Internet-related public policy issues; the United States believes it is equally important for other stakeholders to have the opportunity to respond to the same question posed to governments. Such a consultation provides the opportunity for stakeholders to reflect on the effectiveness of governmental activity, providing Member States with valuable input in guiding their own multistakeholder policy making processes.
3. Therefore, the United States proposes that the CWG-Internet host online consultations, open to all stakeholders, requesting responses to the following question:

Recognizing the scope of work of ITU on international Internet-related public policy matters, represented by the list of topics in Council Resolution 1305 Annex 1 which was established in accordance with decisions of ITU membership at the Plenipotentiary Conference, the Council Working Group on International Internet Related Public Policy invites all non-government stakeholders to provide their position on following question:

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)?”

4. The United States proposes that the consultation occur for a 30-day period after broadly announcing this open consultation. Further, all received submissions should be compiled unedited by the Chair, and included in the Chair's final report to the ITU Council.