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**OPINION (3) ON SUPPORTING OPERATIONALIZING THE ENHANCED COOPERATION PROCESS**

The fifth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (Geneva, 2013),

*considering*

a) that the Internet has evolved into a powerful and very successful vehicle for innovation, economic growth, the spread of knowledge and culture, and the delivery of services;

b) that the Internet is now essential for the continuing operation of business and government around the world;

c) that international cooperation among all relevant stakeholders can and does contribute to the mitigation of weaknesses in the Internet’s security protocols, the occurrence of spam, online child pornography and other abuses of children, identity theft and other forms of cybercrime, and damaging denial of service attacks;

d) that progress can be made in the fight against cybercrime, abuse of children via the Internet, spam and other abuses of the Internet through bilateral and multilateral cooperation that fully involves all stakeholders;

e) that international cooperation and support is also essential for bringing the benefits of the Internet to all peoples of the world, including developing and least developed countries;

*recognizing*

a) that paragraph 55 of the Tunis Agenda, existing arrangements for Internet governance have worked effectively to make the Internet the highly robust, dynamic and geographically diverse medium that it is today, with the private sector taking the lead in day-to-day operations, and with innovation and value creation at the edges;

b) that paragraph 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; and also recognizes the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders;

c) that, per paragraph 69 of the Tunis Agenda, there is a need for enhanced cooperation to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues related to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact on international public policy issues;

d) that enhanced cooperation, defined by paragraph 69 of the Tunis Agenda, and the Internet Governance Forum, defined by paragraphs 72 and 73 of the Tunis Agenda, have been recognized by the CSTD, ECOSOC and the UN General Assembly as two distinct processes which may be complementary;

e) that, per paragraph 71 of the Tunis Agenda, the process towards such enhanced cooperation was to have started in the first quarter of 2006, involving all relevant organizations and all stakeholders in their respective roles;

*noting*

that there are existing initiatives addressing enhanced cooperation by the United Nations family of organizations such as, for example, through the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the Commission on Science and Technology (CSTD), and ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG- IIRPPI);

*invites Member States*

a) to actively contribute to and participate in the diverse multistakeholder processes in which they, along with all other stakeholders, may elaborate on their respective position on international Internet-related technical, development and public policy issues