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RESOLUTION 1336 (modified 2019)

(adopted at the sixth Plenary Meeting)

Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)

The Council,

recognizing

1. Resolution 102 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) on ITU’s role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses;
2. Council Resolution 1305 (2009) on the role of the Dedicated Group in identifying Internet-related public policy issues;
3. Council Resolution 1344 (Mod. 2015) on The modality of open consultation for the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues,

further recognizing

1. that § 35 of the Tunis Agenda reaffirms that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations. In this respect it is recognized that:
2. Policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for international Internet-related public policy issues.
3. The private sector has had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of the Internet, both in the technical and economic fields.
4. Civil society has also played an important role on Internet matters, especially at community level, and should continue to play such a role.
5. Intergovernmental organizations have had, and should continue to have, a facilitating role in the coordination of Internet-related public policy issues.
6. International organizations have also had and should continue to have an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies.
7. that § 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. It also recognizes the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders;
8. that § 36 of the Tunis Agenda recognizes the valuable contribution by the academic and technical communities within those stakeholder groups mentioned in § 35 to the evolution, functioning and development of the Internet;
9. that the goal and intent of open consultations with stakeholders is to bring in unique perspectives that various stakeholder groups may have on aspects of certain topics, bearing in mind the sovereign right of states on public policy issues,

resolves

1 to continue the work of the Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues, limited to Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders and in accordance with terms of reference as described in the Annex;

2 CWG-Internet will decide on the international Internet-related public policy issues for open consultation according to the following guidelines:

• CWG-Internet will decide on the international Internet-related public policy issues for open consultation, drawing primarily from Council Resolution 1305;

• CWG-Internet should generally hold both open online consultation and physical open consultation meetings, with remote participation, within a reasonable period, prior to each CWG-Internet meeting;

• Relevant inputs received from stakeholders will be submitted to CWG-Internet for consideration of the issues chosen for its next meeting;

3 the CWG-Internet will hold online consultations for all stakeholders on issues decided by the CWG-Internet. The consultation should be launched no later than 15 days after the end of the CWG-Internet meeting in which the topic(s) for consultation are decided. The deadline for responses should be 30 days before the physical open consultation meeting. The secretariat shall publish a consolidated report of consultation responses no later than 15 days before the physical open consultation meeting;

4 all relevant inputs received in the open consultation will be available to the CWG-Internet and all other stakeholders on a dedicated publicly accessible webpage of the CWG-Internet website; in this regard:

• All stakeholders can submit their responses to a reflector set up by the ITU secretariat;

• An email address will be provided to send responses to the ITU secretariat;

• All relevant responses received from stakeholders as well as a compiled version will be submitted for consideration in the next meeting of CWG-Internet;

5 a Physical open consultation meeting, with remote participation taking into account that webcasting and captioning are also especially relevant to support the participation to persons with disabilities, should be conducted within three days prior to the CWG-Internet meeting, preferably at the beginning of the week;

6 in addition, the CWG-Internet may decide to conduct another physical open consultation organized by the ITU, as appropriate, at relevant multistakeholder forums/events such as the annual WSIS Forum among others consistent with the rules and procedures of these forums/events, in order to facilitate greater participation of stakeholders in the physical consultation process;

7 input from the open online consultation on the topic(s) decided by the CWG-Internet will form the basis of discussion at the physical open consultation meetings,

instructs the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux

1. to pursue activities specified in *instructs the Secretary-General* and *instructs Directors of the Bureaux* (including specific instructions to the Directors of BDT and TSB) of Resolution 102 (Rev. Dubai, 2018);

2 to update the existing web repository of experiences and best practices in international Internet-related public policy issues,

invites Member States

to elaborate their respective position on each of the international Internet-related public policy issues addressed by the Council Working Group and to contribute actively to the work of the Group.

**Annex:** 1

ANNEX

Council Working Group on international Internet-related Public Policy Issues

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the Council Working Group are:

1 identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, and including those issues identified in Council Resolution 1305 (2009);

2 work in accordance with decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 stipulated in Resolution 102 (Rev. Dubai, 2018);

3 disseminate its outputs throughout ITU’s membership and the ITU secretariat and to all relevant international organizations and stakeholders actively involved in such matters for their consideration in their policy making processes;

4 consider and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to implementation of Resolution 102 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), and to prepare inputs into these activities as appropriate;

5 consider and discuss the report prepared by the Secretary-General for Council related to Internet activities of the Union and provide comments if necessary;

6 decide on the international Internet-related public policy issues for open consultations in accordance with Council Resolution 1344 (Rev. 2015);

7 organize and conduct open online and physical consultations with all stakeholders on the International public policy issues in accordance with Council Resolution 1344 (Rev. 2015); Physical consultation meetings should, to the maximum extent possible, provide remote participation, webcasting and captioning facilities (including transcript captioning) so as to support the participation of the persons with disabilities;

8 relevant inputs received from stakeholders will be submitted to CWG-Internet for consideration of the issues chosen for its next meeting;

9 encourage all stakeholders to submit their national and international experiences and best practices on Internet-related public policy issues in order to enrich the existing repository for the benefit of all Member States;

10 provide an annual report to the Council on CWG-Internet activities.

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