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| Report by the Chairman of the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet) |

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| SummaryThis report summarizes the main results of the tenth and eleventh meetings of CWG-Internet, held on 20-22 September 2017 and 25-26 January 2018, in line with PP-14 Resolutions 102 (Rev. Busan, 2014) and 140 (Rev. Busan, 2014), and Council Resolutions 1305 (2009), 1336 (Mod. 2015), and 1344 (Mod. 2015).**Action required**The Council is invited to **note** the report.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_References[*Resolution 102 (Rev. Busan, 2014)*](http://www.itu.int/en/action/internet/Documents/Resolution_102_pp14.pdf)*,* [*Resolution 140 (Rev. Busan, 2014)*](http://www.itu.int/en/action/internet/Documents/Resolution_140_pp14.pdf)*Council Resolutions* [*1305*](http://www.itu.int/md/S09-CL-C-0105) *(2009),* [*1336 (Mod. 2015*](http://www.itu.int/md/S15-CL-C-0113/en)*),* and [*1344 (Mod. 2015)*](http://www.itu.int/md/S15-CL-C-0112/en) |

**1.** **Introduction**

1.1 The [ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/default.aspx) was established as a separate group by Council Resolution 1336 (Mod. 2015), in accordance with Resolutions 102 and 140 of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Rev. Busan, 2014). CWG-Internet is limited to Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders.

1.2 The terms of reference for CWG-Internet, specified in Council Resolution 1336 (Mod. 2015), are to identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, including those issues identified in Council Resolution 1305 (2009), and in this regard, as appropriate:

a) Disseminate its outputs throughout ITU’s membership and to all relevant international organizations and stakeholders actively involved in such matters for their consideration in their policy-making processes;

b) Consider and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to implementation of Resolution 102 (Rev. Busan, 2014) and prepare inputs into these activities as appropriate;

c) Initiate and conduct open consultations with all stakeholders in an open and inclusive manner; and the output of the open consultations will be presented for consideration in the deliberations of the Council Working Group.

1.3 Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 102 (Rev. Busan, 2014) instructed the Council to revise its Resolution 1344, to direct the CWG-Internet, limited to Member States with open consultation to all stakeholders, and to conduct such open consultation according to the guidelines mentioned in the Resolution.

1.4 Council Resolution 1344 (Mod. 2015) decided the modality of open consultation for the CWG-Internet.

**2 CWG-Internet activities**

2.1 The CWG-Internet held its tenth and eleventh meetings at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 20-22 September 2017 and 25-26 January 2018, respectively.

2.2 The Reports of the [tenth](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-RCLINTPOL10-C-0009/en) and [eleventh](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-RCLINTPOL11-C-0011/en) meeting of CWG-Internet were approved by the Group.

2.3 These Reports were disseminated throughout ITU’s membership and to all relevant international organizations and stakeholders actively involved in such matters for their consideration in their policy-making processes.

2.4 The CWG-Internet further conducted two rounds of Online and Physical Open Consultations:

a) From June to September 2017 on the topic of the [“Public Policy considerations for OTTs”](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/consultation-june2017.aspx), followed by a physical open consultation meeting on 18 September 2017. During this consultation, 71 responses were received from a variety of stakeholders and regions (ten Government and public sector entities, 44 Private Sector entities and Industry Associations, 13 Civil Society representatives, two from Academia and two from IGOs). The responses provided rich inputs, sharing different views with regard to the five questions of the consultation.

b) From October 2017 to January 2018 on the topic of [“Bridging the Digital Gender Divide”](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/consultation-oct2017.aspx), followed by a physical open consultation meeting on 22 January 2018. During this consultation, 52 responses were received from a variety of stakeholders and regions (21 Government entities, 22 Civil Society and Technical Community entities, seven Private Sector entities and Industry Associations and two IGOs). The responses provided rich inputs, sharing different views with regard to the five questions of the consultation.

2.5 All responses received to the Online Open Consultations, as well as the brief summaries of the physical consultation meetings approved by the meeting participants, are publicly available on the [ITU CWG-Internet website](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/open-consultations.aspx).

**3** **Issues related to PP-18**

3.1 During the eleventh meeting the Group thanked UAE for their generous support in hosting PP-18.

3.2 All Member States were encouraged to use the discussions and outcomes of the CWG-Internet meetings in their preparations towards PP-18.

3.3 All regional groups gave an overview of their preparatory process for PP-18.

**4. Conclusions**

4.1 The Council is invited to note the reports of the tenth and eleventh meeting of the CWG-Internet.

4.2 On behalf of CWG-Internet, the Chairman extends his personal thanks to all the ITU Member States who made contributions and participated in the work of the Group, the Vice-Chairmen, the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Directors of TSB, BR, and BDT, and the General Secretariat for their efficient assistance during the tenth and eleventh meeting of the CWG-Internet.

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