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| Report by the Chairman of the Council Working Group  on Child Online Protection | | | |
| OUTCOME OF THE Thirteenth MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION | | | |

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| Summary  This report summarizes the main results of the thirteenth meeting of the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP), held on 2 February 2016, in accordance with ITU 2010 Council Resolution 1306 and ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 179 (Rev. Busan, 2014).  Action required  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References |

# 1 Introduction

1.1 The thirteenth meeting of CWG-COP was held on 2 February 2016 at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva. Approximately 100 participants, representing governments, private sector, civil society, academia, international and intergovernmental organizations, participated both physically and remotely in the meeting, which was chaired by Ms Eugenia Devincenzi (Republic of Argentina), nominated Chair ad Hoc for the meeting.

# 2 Welcoming remarks

2.1 Mr. Malcolm Johnson, the Deputy Secretary-General of ITU opened the meeting: he welcomed all the participants and, by apologizing for the absence of the Chair, Dr. Sherif Hashem, welcomed the Vice Chair, Ambassador Elayne Whyte Gomez and thanked her for having accepted to open the meeting. He, therefore, thanked the Argentinian representative, Ms Eugenia Devincenzi, for having accepted to be the chair ad hoc for the session.

2.2 Mr Johnson underlined the huge number of minors surfing online (1/3 of all the users) and the rapid expansion of child sexual abuse offences linked to the development of new technologies. Mr. Johnson emphasized the commitment of the ITU to ensure online safety for children by working closely with its member states and partners. For this reason, he stated the unique role of the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection being open to all relevant stakeholders.

2.3 The vice Chair, Ambassador Elayne Whyte Gomez, welcomed the participants -those in the room and those following online-. The Ambassador encouraged the Group to continuing working together, by exploring potential synergies and partnerships with relevant organizations. The Vice Chair passed then the floor to Mrs Devincenzi who took over the leadership of the Group and continued to chair the meeting.

**3 Adoption of the agenda**

3.1 The [Agenda](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/agendacwgcopV5.docx) was adopted as drafted.

# 4 Contributions

There were nine contributions from different stakeholders.

* [WG-CP/13/2](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/PRESENTATION_''How%20to%20make%20Internet%20safer%20for%20children''_Russia_.pdf): Contribution from **RUSSIA**: How to Make Internet Safer for Children
* [WG-CP/13/3](file:///C:/Users/licciard/Desktop/CWG%20DOC/2%20February%202017/ONAT_Contr_2017.doc)​​: Contribution from **ONAT**: Implementation of the regional initiative for the CIS countries "Creating a child online protection centre for the CIS region"
* [WG-CP/13/4](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/Contribution%20Argentine%20Republic%20vf-ingl%c3%a9s.docx): Contribution from **ARGENTINA**: Update on the status of the #TodosSomosÚnicos (We are all unique) Campaign
* [WG-CP/13/5](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/FinalCampaignPresentation.pptx): Contribution from **Child Helpline International**: Partnering to Protect Children and Youth - A joint campaign
* [WG-CP/13/6](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/CWG-COP_online_youth_consultation_Operation_Uncool_01Feb.pptx) : Updates on the results of the Online Consultation on Cyberbullying
* [WG-CP/13/9](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/ITU%20COP%20CWG%20Meeting%20Feb%202%202017%20-%20Trend%20Micro%20M%20Pilao.pdf): Contribution from **Trend Micro**: Council Working Group on Child Online Protection
* [WG-CP/13/10](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/ProjectDQ-Intro-23Jan2017.pptx): Contribution from **DQ**: Digital Intelligence Quotient

# Discussions

* 1. Following the adoption of the agenda, the ITU Secretariat was asked to give an oral update on the ITU COP’s initiatives, activities, projects, and partnerships related to COP.
  2. The representative from Trend Micro presented the guidelines created for parents in order to ensure the safety of their children in a world dominated by the ‘’internet of things’’. This [guide](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/ITU%20COP%20CWG%20Meeting%20Feb%202%202017%20-%20Trend%20Micro%20M%20Pilao.pdf) teaches how to find the right balance between the necessity for children to use internet in the digital age and the right for them to surf the web in a safety way.
  3. The representative from Child Helpline International presented the ITU CHI [joint campaign](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/FinalCampaignPresentation.pptx) on Partnering to Protect Children. In the contribution, the speaker highlighted how the campaign is aiming at emphasized the collaboration between ITU members and helplines. In particular, the remote speaker presented the selected case studies received from the online consultation launched in May 2016: the final results were then presented during the ITU Telecom World 2016, in November, and new ways to develop the child helpline services were shared with the participants. The CWG COP members welcomed the campaign and the chair encouraged the secretariat to continue this effort in order to progress towards SDG 17.
  4. The representative from [DQ World](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/ProjectDQ-Intro-23Jan2017.pptx) underlined the need to work together to equip children and young people with the necessary knowledge to be safe on internet. The curricula, rolled out in different schools, has the aim to raise awareness among children of the existing online risks and share with them appropriate measures to be protected and enjoy the internet.
  5. Following the break, the [outcomes](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/CWG-COP_online_youth_consultation_Operation_Uncool_01Feb.pptx) of the youth online consultation were presented by the Secretariat in coordination with the Re-Rights platform. The first results were very positive and numerous partners got engaged and participated to the consultation. The chair opened the floor for comments and encouraged member states to be actively involved in the campaign, by encouraging local NGOS and schools to be included in this effort. Discussion and brainstorming on the next topic of the consultation were also addressed with several proposals around digital skills and empowerment.
  6. The Russian [contribution](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/PRESENTATION_''How%20to%20make%20Internet%20safer%20for%20children''_Russia_.pdf) presented the actions taken in the Russian Federation to improve the protection of children online. The approach focus on three main actions: legislation, public private partnerships with the industry and social media involvement. The purpose of these measures is to create responsible digital citizens and equip the public users with digital skills.
  7. The representative from [ONAT](file:///C:/Users/licciard/Desktop/CWG%20DOC/2%20February%202017/ONAT_Contr_2017.doc) updated the CWG COP members about the implementation of the Regional Initiative on COP in the CIS Region, by highlighting the 3 actions areas: role of education, information sharing and technical solutions to be safe on internet. The project was successful and translated even in other languages.

Finally, the delegate from Argentina [presented](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/Contribution%20Argentine%20Republic%20vf-ingl%c3%a9s.docx) the goals obtained by the campaign #TodosSomosUnicos: the joint agreement between ENACOM and Scholas Occurrentes had the object to create a viral media campaign with the aim to contribute to children’s development, by stressing the importance of education and harnessing the key role that information and communication technologies (ICT) play as an inclusion and communication tool. Moreover, another activity planned is a Seminar called “Awareness of the dangers and responsible use of the web”. It will be held in Argentina, during March 2017 and a formal invitation will be sent to ITU in due time for them to participate in the Seminar, taking into account their great expertise in the field.

# 6 Outcomes of the thirteenth meeting of the CWG-COP

6.1 In relation to the outcomes of the online consultation, the Group agreed that the topic of the next consultation will be around digital skills and empowerment: the Secretariat will work on the exact wording.

6.2 It was encouraged to involve the Regional Offices but also schools and other local entities to have more successful results and outcomes.

6.3 Finally, it was encouraged to involve other relevant entities such as IEEE to understand area of possible collaboration such as developing standards.

**Ms Eugenia Devincenzi (Republic of Argentina)  
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