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| OUTCOME OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION | |

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| Summary  This report summarizes the main results of the 12th meeting of the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP), held on 10 October 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 12th meeting of CWG-COP was held on 10 October 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland. 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 Dr. Sherif Hashem (Arab Republic of Egypt).

# 2 Welcoming remarks

2.1 Mr. Malcolm Johnson, the Deputy Secretary-General of ITU, opened the the 12th meeting on behalf of the Secretary-General and welcomed the participants – both in the room and those following online. Mr. Johnson emphasized the importance of Child Online Protection as it is considered as a top priority for many stakeholders. Compared with other Council Working Groups, the involvement of (external) relevant stakeholders in the Council Working Group meeting is a unique feature of the CWG COP. The meetings of CWG COP serve as an important platform that brings relevant stakeholders from different levels (national, regional and international) together in discussing policies and programs related to COP. The Deputy Secretary-General finally informed the participants that as agreed by Council 2016 decision, the Secretary-General has undertaken some consultations regarding the nomination of Vice-Chairmen for the Council Working Groups and the Expert Group on ITRs. In this regard, three circular letters have been sent to Member States and further consultations are needed.

2.2 The Chairman welcomed the participants of CWG COP including the panelists of the High Level Dialogue on Child Online Protection, an event co-organized by ITU and the Council of Europe on the occasion of the celebration of the European Cyber Security Month (ECSM).

2.3 The Chair welcomed the panelists including HE.Ambassador Murat Adali (Permanent Observer of the Council of Europe CoE) and HE. Ambassador Carl Hallergard (Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the UN, Geneva).

2.4 Ambassador Murat Adali highlighted the potential harm brought to children by the Internet while also highlighting that access is now considered a basic human right. He introduced CoE’s upcoming strategy in raising awareness on Internet security among children and the CoE’s main achievements in implementing the Lanzarote Convention. He also stated the importance of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, as the first international treaty seeking to address Internet and computer crimes by harmonizing national laws, improving investigative techniques, and increasing cooperation among nations.

2.5 Ambassador Carl Hallergard gave a brief introduction of the European Cyber Security Month (October), the EU annual advocacy campaign co-organized by the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) and the European Commission. This campaign involves over 380 activities across 30 countries, including non-EU countries such as Switzerland and Norway. While recognizing the crucial role for the Internet in terms of education, knowledge sharing, learning and creativity, he emphasized the online risks and urged all relevant stakeholders to join force to better protect children and young people in the online environment.

2.6 Finally, Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, ITU Coordinator for Europe Region, presented the status of the implementation of [Regional Initiative on COP for Europe](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/ITU_Regional-Review_of-National-Activities-on-COP-October%202016_J_Ponder.ppt). The Regional Review of National Activities on Child Online Protection in Central and South Eastern Europe, undertaken through a survey to Member States, highlighted the main findings, key challenges and several country case studies. The final version of the benchmarking study will be presented later this year.

# 3 Adoption of the agenda

3.1 The [Agenda](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/agendacwgcop2909.docx) was adopted as drafted.

**4 Information Report**

4.1 The following documents were presented by the ITU Secretariat:

* [WG-CP/12/4](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Update%20COP%20Initaitivefinal.docx): Update on the ITU Child Online Protection (COP) Initiative
* [WG-CP/12/5](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/edit_CWG-COP_online_youth_consultation_Operation_Uncool_ITU.pptx): Updates on the Online Consultation on Cyberbullying
* [WG-CP/12/3](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/sp15-jca-cop-oLS-00010.docx): Liaison Statement from ITU-T JCA COP

# 5 Contributions

5.1 There were 6 contributions from different stakeholders. Due to technical reasons the contribution from ONAT and the contribution from Project VIC were not presented in the meeting.

* ​[WG-CP/12/2](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/RWANDA%20CONTRIBUTION%20TO%20THE%20CWG-COP%20OCTOBER%202016.doc): Contribution from RWANDA: Cyberbullying
* ​[WG-CP/12/6](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/%d0%9f%d1%80%d0%b5%d0%b7%d0%b5%d0%bd%d1%82%d0%b0%d1%86%d0%b8%d1%8f%20%d0%97%d0%b0%d1%89%d0%b8%d1%82%d0%b0%20%d0%b4%d0%b5%d1%82%d0%b5): Contribution from RUSSIA: Child Protection in Infomedia
* [WG-CP/12/7](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/ONAT_Contr_2016_2.doc): Contribution from ONAT: Database with data on existing technical solutions for child online protection (Contentfiltering.info) and Black&White lists distribution system (Bwld.online)
* [WG-CP/12/8](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/ITU%20CWG%20on%20COP%20presentation%2010102016.pptx): Contribution from INSAFE: Online Consultation
* [WG-CP/12/9](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Contribution%20from%20Argentina%20TodossomosUnicos.docx): Contribution from ARGENTINA: Campaign #TodosSomosÚnicos
* [WG-CP/12/10](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Project%20VIC%20overview%202.pptx): Contribution from Project VIC: Overview

# 6 Discussions

6.1 Following the adoption of the agenda, ITU Secretariat gave an [update](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Update%20COP%20Initaitivefinal.docx) on the ITU COP initiatives, activities, projects, and partnerships related to COP.

6.2 ITU Secretariat and REright.org jointly presented the updates on the [online consultation with youth on Cyberbullying](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/edit_CWG-COP_online_youth_consultation_Operation_Uncool_ITU.pptx). A demonstration of the platform and lessons learned during the consultation were highlighted given the low participation rate from the youth (about 20 responses).

6.3 The presentation was followed by lively discussions among participants. The Chair emphasized the significance of engaging more partners and suggested carrying out this consultation in relevant events (as a side activity for instance) instead of treating it as an isolated project.

6.4     The representative from [INSAFE](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/ITU%20CWG%20on%20COP%20presentation%2010102016.pptx) presented its work related to Child Online Protection. INSAFE put forward trending topics for youth consultation and the importance of celebrating Safer Internet Day as a way to engage young people into the discussion.

6.5 The [ITU-T Joint Coordination Activity on Child online Protection (JCA-COP)](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/sp15-jca-cop-oLS-00010.docx) was presented and the Chair highlighted the need to link closely the work of the two groups (JCA COP and CWG COP) to complement each other’s scopes.

6.6 The delegate from [Rwanda](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/RWANDA%20CONTRIBUTION%20TO%20THE%20CWG-COP%20OCTOBER%202016.doc) shared their experience in dealing with the issue of Cyberbullying. Rwanda’s legal, regulatory, policy and institutional framework on this issue were elaborated, relevant cases were introduced and recommendations are made in coping with cyberbullying.

6.7 The contribution from [Russia](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/%d0%9f%d1%80%d0%b5%d0%b7%d0%b5%d0%bd%d1%82%d0%b0%d1%86%d0%b8%d1%8f%20%d0%97%d0%b0%d1%89%d0%b8%d1%82%d0%b0%20%d0%b4%d0%b5%d1%82%d0%b5) highlighted the work undertaken by Infomedia. In particular, the representative introduced the efforts by the government, focusing on legislative measures and execution of law. Activities conducted by the industry in protecting children online and offline were emphasized as well.

6.8 The presentation from Argentina focused on the campaign [“#TodosSomosÚnicos (We are all unique)](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Contribution%20from%20Argentina%20TodossomosUnicos.docx)”, and highlighted how the government is encouraging awareness raising campaigns, activities and programs to prevent bullying along with the related measures that children and young people could undertake to avoid acts of violence through the use of new technologies.

6.9 The representative from Child Helpline International shared a video campaign (which will be officially launched in November 2016), highlighting the risks faced by children in the digital age and the important role of child helplines in supporting children. In this regard, the ITU and Child Helpline International joint campaign ["Partnering to Protect Children and Youth"](http://www.itu.int/en/cop/Pages/consultation-may2016.aspx) was highlighted and members of the CWG COP were encouraged to contribute. Participants were also informed that case studies will be presented on November 15th, 2016 at [ITU Telecom World](http://telecomworld.itu.int/) 2016, which will take place in Bangkok, Thailand.

6.10 Due to the technical problem with remote participation occurred in this meeting, the contribution from Project VIC and the contribution from ONAT will be presented in the next CWG COP meeting.

# 7 Outcomes of the 12th meeting of the CWG-COP

7.1 The Group appreciated the suggestion of involving organizations such as European Union and Council of Europe, among others, as a way to bridge the gaps and harmonize actions at the national, regional and international level.

7.2 In this regard, it was suggested that the regional organizations will be invited to attend the next meeting.

7.3 In relation to the Youth Online Consultation, the Group agreed on the following:

* Continue to focus on the topic of cyberbullying because the current sample is small.
* Conduct the consultation possibly in the six languages of the UN with the support of Member States, ITU regional offices and partners to extend the outreach of the consultation.
* The result of the consultation will be presented in the next CWG COP meeting, which will be held in February 2017.

7.4 It was also recommended to explore ways to have Age Verification as a work item for the JCA COP. The Secretariat will brainstorm on how to inform the JCA COP about this recommendation.

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