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**Chairman, Council Working Group on COP (WG-COP)**

**SUMMARY OF THE 10th MEETING**

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| **Summary**  This report summarizes the main results of the tenth meeting of the Council Working  Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP), held on 30 September 2015, in  accordance with ITU 2010 Council Resolution 1306 and ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution  179 (Rev. Busan, 2014). |

**1. Introduction**

The tenth meeting of CWG-COP was held on 30 September 2015. Approximately 90 participants, representing different stakeholders, participated both remotely and physically in the meeting, which was chaired by Dr Sherif Hashem (Arab Republic of Egypt).

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

Following the contribution received by the USA, one additional item was added to the [Draft Agenda](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/AgendaCWGCOPv4.docx):

* Discussion on the COP Framework

The amended draft agenda was adopted.

**3. Welcoming Remarks**

Mr. Malcom Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General, delivered the opening remarks on behalf of the Secretary-General. He welcomed participants –in the room and those following online - and in particular the new members joining the Group now that it is open to all stakeholders (both ITU members and non-members) especially Baroness Kidron who would be presenting the IRights initiative to the meeting.

Mr Johnson emphasised the important role of the United Nations as a global convener and facilitator for different stakeholders to work towards a universally available, open, secure and trustworthy Internet, and in this context, as recognized by the Plenipotentiary Conference, and especially now that this Working Group is open, it has an important role as a global platform for all interested stakeholders to formulate result-oriented actions on Child Online Protection. Child online safety is a top priority for a wide variety of organisations, including businesses and financial institutions and since ITU has a large private sector membership, of over 700 private sector entities, it is well placed to include them in this discussion.

The Chairman welcomed the participants and invited them to contribute to the work of the Group.

# 4. Information Reports

# The following document was presented by the ITU Secretariat:

* [WG-CP/10/2](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Update%20COP%20Initaitive%202809final.docx): Update on the ITU Child Online Protection (COP) Initiative

**5. Contributions**

* 1. There were four contributions from members, and four contributions from external organizations.
* [WG](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Uganda%20Presents%20the%20outcomes%20of%20the%20Kampala%20Meeting%20on%20COP.docx)-CP/10/3​​: Contribution from **Uganda**: Outcomes and Recommendations from the Conference on Africa Child Online Protection (ACOP) in Kampala
* [WG-CP/10/4](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/USA%20Contribution%20to%20CWG-COP.DOCX): Contribution from **USA** to the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection
* [WG-CP/10/5](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/CWG%20on%20Child%20Online%20Protection%20Rus%20Fed%20Presentation.pdf): Contribution from **Russia**:  ​​​Child Protection in Infomedia
* [WG-CP/10/6](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/T-ES(2015)04_en%20Final%20Opinion%20Article%2023.docx) [WG-CP/10/6](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/T-ES-WG(2015)01_en%20Issues%20discussed%20during%20the%20meeting_%20rev.docx): Contribution from **Council of Europe**: Lanzarote Commitee - Working Group on Trends in Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
* [WG-CP/10/8:](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/September%20Meeting%20ITU%20DEAF%20INTERNATIONAL.pptx)Contribution from **Deaf Kidz International**: ITU Council Working Group on Child Online Protection
* [WG-CP/10/7](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/iRights%20Full%20Text%20Revised%20Sept%202015%20.pdf): Contribution from **IRights**: Enabling children and young people, to access the digital world creatively, knowledgeably and fearlessly
* [WG-CP/10/11](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Wojcik_conference_warsaw.pptx): Contribution from **Nobody's Children Foundation**: 9th International Conference : Keeping children and young people safe online
* [WG-CP/10/12](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/GSMA%20ITU%20wg%20v1.pptx): Contribution from **GSMA**: Child Online Protection in Latin American Mobile Industry

# Discussions

* 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%20Initaitive%202809final.docx) on the initiatives, activities projects, and partnerships related to COP.
  2. The recent [Youth Online Consultation](https://www.worldwewant2015.org/itu-youth) was also presented and discussed. The secretariat explained the process of designing this consultation, including the content and challenges faced in getting inputs. In this regard, the Group members suggested creating a platform for discussion in order to analyze the possible topics of the consultation and engage their national organizations to contribute to the consultation. The Chairman also emphasized the importance of involving the ITU regional offices in supporting the youth consultations and in engaging regional stakeholders including government representatives, NGOs and private sector. Some members brought up the importance of creating a repository of COP best practices and experience sharing. Secretariat highlighted the efforts already underway in this regard.
  3. The representative from the Council of Europe gave a [presentation](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/T-ES(2015)04_en%20Final%20Opinion%20Article%2023.docx) on the Working Group on Trends in Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of the Lanzarote Committee and how the related issues need to be approached at the legislative and technical level.
  4. The [contribution](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/September%20Meeting%20ITU%20DEAF%20INTERNATIONAL.pptx) by Deaf Kidz International gave the members new perspective on what

children with disability facing in regard to online protection and reflected on the fact that different demographics of people have different online protection needs.

* 1. The [contribution](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Uganda%20Presents%20the%20outcomes%20of%20the%20Kampala%20Meeting%20on%20COP.docx) from [Uganda](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Uganda%20Presents%20the%20outcomes%20of%20the%20Kampala%20Meeting%20on%20COP.docx) presented the outcome of the Africa Child Online Protection

Conference held from 15-16 December 2014 in Kampala, Uganda. This presentation suggested that children in Africa have different level of access to ICTs than other regions of the world and therefore, it is important to take in to consideration of cultural and regional differences while drafting global goals and expectations.

* 1. The Russian [contribution](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/CWG%20on%20Child%20Online%20Protection%20Rus%20Fed%20Presentation.pdf) focused on the work of Infomedia and how they utilized legality and

complaint application form to restrict the exposure of illegal content to children.

* 1. The working Group welcomed Baroness Kidron to present the work of the [IRights Coalition](hhttp://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/iRights%20Full%20Text%20Revised%20Sept%202015%20.pdf)

which seeks to enable children and young people to access the digital world creatively, knowledgeably, and fearlessly. The five rights - right to remove, right to know, right to safety and support, right to make informed and conscious choices, and the right to digital literacy, empower children and young people to take control of what they want to see online - were appreciated by members of the Group noting that it sets a set of guidelines and goals that the Group could work towards.

* 1. The COP [Framework](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Results%20framework%2029.09.docx) [document](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Results%20framework%2029.09.docx) was proposed as a discussion item through the [contribution](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/USA%20Contribution%20to%20CWG-COP.DOCX)

of the United States. Many members appreciated the need for such a framework while recognizing the need for further consultation on the detailed content of the framework. Various issues were highlighted e.g. the scope of data and material collection which may be broad, and might not be applicable to some region of the world.

* 1. Nobody’s Children Foundation updated the Group on the results and [outcomes](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/Wojcik_conference_warsaw.pptx) of the 9th

International Conference on “Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online”, co-organized with ITU within the umbrella of the Regional Initiative on Child Online Protection, on 22-23 September 2015, in Warsaw, Poland. The Foundation suggested for different organization to join forces and work together towards the common goal as part of the outcome from the conference.

* 1. GSMA presented its [contribution](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-cop/Documents/2014-2019/GSMA%20ITU%20wg%20v1.pptx) on the Children Online Protection in Latin America Mobile

Industry. It highlighted the joint efforts of different mobile operators in Latin America along with ITU and UNICEF to promote and empower Child Online Protection.

6.11 The interventions from Italy, EBU and INHOPE shared inputs and feedback on the work of ITU on Child Online Protection and encouraged other stakeholders to join the initiatives.

# 7. Outcomes of the tenth meeting of the CWG-COP

1. The Chairman encouraged more interaction and more contributions from Member States and COP partners.
2. Regarding to the Youth Consultation, the Group agreed that this consultation must facilitate and take into in consideration input from youth in different regions. The Group calls upon the support of the ITU regional offices in engaging regional stakeholders including government representatives, NGOs and private sector.
3. With regards to the IRights Coalition, the Group agreed to consult on the principles, especially the need to take account of elements such as accessibility.
4. In relation to the proposed framework to set global targets and goals on child online safety, it was agreed that further consultations should be carried out between now and the next meeting of the Group. Consultation on the existing text will also be undertaken during Telecom World 2015 in Hungary. Constant updates on the framework in regards to new inputs and contributions were also suggested. The inclusion of topics such as the IRights principles, accessibility and needs of developing countries was encouraged.
5. The Group agreed to further discuss improvements to the Youth Consultations through an appropriate online platform, requesting the Secretariat to set up a suitable platform. That platform may also be utilized to discuss other emerging COP issues such as the IRights Coalition and the proposed COP Framework, and to explore mechanisms for exchanging information on COP best practices.
6. Finally, the Group emphasized the need of further cooperation and interaction between countries, organizations, and initiatives to work better toward common goals for Child Online Protection.

8. Conclusions

8.1 Closing the meeting, the Chairman extended his personal thanks to all the ITU Membership who participated in the work of the 10th meeting of CWG-COP.

8.2 Mr Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary General, on behalf of the Secretary-General thanked again all participants and especially representatives of external organisations. The meeting was considered very productive with the agreement to consult before the next meeting in February on the framework and targets, the iRights principles, and to receiving information on the very interesting app developed by Argentina.

8.3 Appreciations were also expressed to Dr Sherif Hashem, Chairman of the WG COP, for efficient chairmanship and guidance.