

RESOLUTION 1306 (C09, last amended C15)

Council Working Group on Child Online Protection

The Council,

considering

- a) that the purposes of the Union are, *inter alia*, to promote, at the international level, the adoption of a broad range of issues of telecommunications/information and technologies (ICTs), helping in promoting the extension of the benefits of new telecommunication technologies to all the world's inhabitants and to harmonize the efforts of Member States and Sector Members in the attainment of those ends;
- b) that the Internet is playing an increasingly important and valuable role in the provision of education of children of the world, enriching the curriculum and helping to bridge language and other barriers between the children of all nations;
- c) that the Internet has become a major platform for many different kinds of educational, cultural and fun activities for children;
- d) that children are among the most active participants online;
- e) that children are a diverse group in terms of age, capabilities, physicality, etc.;
- f) that parents, guardians, and educators are not always aware of children's activities on the internet;
- g) that children may access adult sites inadvertently or may be exposed to inappropriate content;
- h) that in order to address the issue of cybersecurity for children, it is critical that proactive measures be taken in order to protect children online on an international level;
- i) that child online protection is a subject of valid international global interest and shall be listed in the priorities of the world community's global agenda;
- j) that during the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (Tunis, 2005), the information society recognized the needs of children and young people and their protection in cyberspace with; The Tunis Commitment stating:

"We recognize the role of information and communications technologies (ICT) in the protection of children and in enhancing the development of children. We will strengthen action to protect children from abuse and defend their rights in the context of ICT. In that context, we emphasize that the best interests of the child are a primary consideration" (paragraph 24);

and the Tunis Agenda stating:

"We reaffirm our commitment to providing equitable access to information and knowledge for all, recognizing the role of ICT for economic growth and development. We are committed to working towards achieving [...] internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals, by [...] incorporating regulatory, self-regulatory, and other effective policies and frameworks

to protect children and young people from abuse and exploitation through ICT into national plans of action and e-strategies” (paragraph 90q.)

recognizing

- a) the child online protection efforts taking place on the local, national, regional and international levels;
- b) Resolution 179 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference on ITU's role in child online protection;
- c) Resolution 67 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on the role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) in child online protection;
- d) Resolution 45 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of WTDC, on mechanisms for enhancing cooperation on cybersecurity, including countering and combating spam;
- e) Resolution 175 (Rev. Busan, 2014) on accessibility,

recalling

the outcome documents of WSIS+10 High-Level Event,

resolves

- 1 to maintain CWG-COP, in order to facilitate the membership's input and guidance on ITU's role in child online protection, with the following terms of reference:
 - 1.1 to exchange views and promote and work on the subject matter;
 - 1.2 to report to the Council annually on the activities of the Group;
- 2 to facilitate the contribution and participation of all relevant stakeholders in the work of the CWG-COP to ensure maximum collaboration in implementing Resolution 179 (Rev. Busan, 2014);
- 3 to encourage CWG-COP to conduct one-day online consultations for youth prior to its meetings to listen to their views and opinions on different matters related to child online protection;
- 4 to continue to make output documents related to child online protection issues publicly accessible without password protection;
- 5 to prepare a draft final report for consideration by Council 2018 to be submitted to the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference on the activities undertaken and achievement on these subjects, including proposals for further consideration as appropriate.