

11:15 Presentation of statements on the report by the membership

- We appreciate the opportunity to discuss ICT policy issues at the fifth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF).
- As always, these issues should be addressed in an open dialogue with open multistakeholder participation.
- We have to recognize that the online environment is different from that in which traditional telecommunications policy operates, and have to be aware of this when looking for the appropriate forum to formulate recommendations and to take decisions on internet governance.
- The positions of governments on these issues are important, as are the views of all of the actors of the telecommunications sector, but – in line with WSIS principles – there are also others who have an important stake in internet governance and public policy. Their points of view must also be heard and should be taken into account in our deliberations. We appreciate ITU's efforts to move towards enabling this at WTPF.
- We thank the ITU Secretary-General for his report and we are grateful for the draft opinions prepared by the Informal Experts Group (IEG). Hungary values the consensus reached in the IEG and supports the adoption of the opinions, which would be non-binding. We would strongly prefer not to open up the texts at this juncture.
- We appreciate that the Secretary-General's report recognizes the role the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) plays in ICANN's structure. Hungary is not against the broadening of the exchanges between the GAC, the ICANN Board and other members of the ICANN community, keeping in mind GAC's main task, which is to provide advice on issues of public policy.
- Hungary supports the present multistakeholder model of the governance of the internet, which has so far proven to be an effective and efficient mechanism for the development of the World Wide Web and its many positive contributions to innovation and economic growth.
- We don't see the need to change the definition of Internet Governance as laid out in the Tunis Agenda, including the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder group in the process.
- The CSTD working group on enhanced cooperation will begin its work later this month. The group received a clear mandate from the General Assembly of the UN, and we hope that it will be able to fulfill that mandate and come up with meaningful results.
- We agree that the role of governments can be further strengthened in the framework of enhanced cooperation. There are a number of policy issues of common interest for governments where their cooperation is essential and can be further improved. Cybercrime is one such issue, which Hungary sees as a challenge of fundamental importance for the whole of the international community. The appropriate venue to discuss this and other ideas will, however, be the CSTD working group.