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Comment from the Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran on

**FOURTHDRAFT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL’S REPORT**

**for the
Fifth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2013**

**Introduction**

1. The Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to express its appreciation to the General Secretariat and to the ITU membership for their contributions to the Informal Expert Group on preparation of the input to the WTPèF-13 .Having considered the submitted materials and the Fourth Draft Report of the Secretary General dated 10 January 2013 it would like to make the following comments :

**1.1** **Tunis Agenda**

Following Paragraphs of the Tunis Agenda make reference to Internet which has direct or indirect relation with Internet public policy issues .These are:

Quote

*9.* We reaffirm our resolution in the quest to ensure that everyone can benefit from the opportunities that ICTs can offer, by recalling that governments, as well as private sector, civil society and the United Nations and other international organizations, should work together to: improve access to information and communication infrastructure and technologies as well as to information and knowledge; build capacity; increase confidence and security in the use of ICTs; create an enabling environment at all levels; develop and widen ICT applications; foster and respect cultural diversity; recognize the role of the media; address the ethical dimensions of the Information Society; and encourage international and regional cooperation.

*27. We recommend improvements and innovations in existing financing mechanisms, including:*

*c) Providing affordable access to ICTs, by the following measures:*

*i. reducing international Internet costs charged by backbone providers, supporting, inter alia, the creation and development of regional ICT backbones and Internet Exchange Points to reduce interconnection cost and broaden network access;*

*ii. encouraging ITU to continue the study of the question of International*

*Internet Connectivity (IIC) as an urgent matter to develop appropriate*

*Recommendations*

*C. Internet Governance*

*29. We reaffirm the principles enunciated in the Geneva phase of the WSIS, in*

*December 2003 that the Internet has evolved into a global facility available to the public and its governance should constitute a core issue of the Information Society agenda. The international management of the Internet should be multilateral, transparent and democratic, with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, and civil society and international organizations. It should ensure an equitable distribution of resources, facilitate access for all and ensure a stable and secure functioning of the Internet, taking into account multilingualism.*

**Comment**

The fundamental question here is whether Today’s Internet is *, transparent and democratic and open. Due to the fact that these adjectives have different meaning in view of different  entities /people*In view of many governments, in particular, those of developing countries none of these three adjectives prevail in the Internet Process .a) it is not transparent as the relevant information is not actually clear and transparent. It is not democratic since governments has either no role or little advisory role in the management of the Internet .It is not democratic because governments are not treated with / on equal footing with respect of other players .It is there under almost private or  less inclusive / non collective management. In fact some of the most important area of Internet dealing with public policy issues are not governed by collective governments cooperation or any intergovernmental organization but by individual national government( s) and big businesses as a totally decentralized bottom-up regime of governance .The most blend of that is that a very narrow pro WGIG DEFINITION of Internet governance exclude vital issues such as intellectual property, privacy, enforcement, and data protection on line filtering and network neutrality.

The catastrophic issue is that some country, exercises major control over a vital area of Internet governance  improperly and misleadingly claims that the broaden intergovernmental participation in the governance of Internet would  result in handing  over the key issues to  other countries to have any role in the governance of the Internet.

*30. We acknowledge that the Internet, a central element of the infrastructure of the Information Society, has evolved from a research and academic facility into a global facility available to the public.*

*31. We recognize that Internet governance, carried out according to the Geneva principles, is an essential element for a people-centered, inclusive, development oriented and non-discriminatory Information Society. Furthermore, we commit ourselves to the stability and security of the Internet as a global facility and to ensuring the requisite legitimacy of its governance, based on the full participation of all stakeholders, from both developed and developing countries, within the irrespective roles and responsibilities.*

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*34. A working definition of Internet governance is the development and application by governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programs that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.*

*35. We reaffirm that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations. In this respect, it is recognized that:*

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*a) Policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for international Internet related public policy issues.*

*b) The private sector has had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of the Internet, both in the technical and economic fields.*

*c) Civil society has also played an important role on Internet matters, especially at community level, and should continue to play such a role.*

*d) Intergovernmental organizations have had, and should continue to have, a facilitating role in the coordination of Internet-related public policy issues.*

*e) International organizations have also had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies.*

*36. We recognize the valuable contribution by the academic and technical communities within those stakeholder groups mentioned in paragraph 35 to the evolution, functioning and development of the Internet.*

*37. We seek to improve the coordination of the activities of international and intergovernmental organizations and other institutions concerned with Internet governance and the exchange of information among themselves. A multi-stakeholder approach should be adopted, as far as possible, at all levels.*

*38. We call for the reinforcement of specialized regional Internet resource management institutions to guarantee the national interest and rights of countries in that particular region to manage its own Internet resources, while maintaining global coordination in this area.*

*42. We reaffirm our commitment to the freedom to seek, receive, impart and use information, in particular, for the creation, accumulation and dissemination of knowledge. We affirm that measures undertaken to ensure Internet stability and security,* ***to fight cybercrime*** *and to* ***counter spam****, must protect and respect the provisions for privacy and freedom of expression as contained in the relevant parts of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Declaration of Principles.*

*43. We reiterate our commitments to the positive uses of the Internet and other*

*ICTs and to take appropriate actions and preventive measures, as determined by law,* ***against abusive uses of ICTs as mentioned under the Ethical Dimensions of the***

***Information Society of the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action.***

*44. We also underline the importance of countering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations on the Internet, while respecting human rights and in compliance with other obligations under international law, as outlined in UNGA A/60/L.1 with reference to Article 85 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome.*

*45. We underline the importance of the security, continuity and stability of the Internet, and the need to protect the Internet and other ICT networks from threats and vulnerabilities. We affirm the need for a* ***common understanding of the issues of Internet security****, and for further cooperation to facilitate outreach, the collection and dissemination of security-related information and exchange of good practice among all stakeholders on measures to combat security threats, at national and international levels.*

*49. We reaffirm our commitment to turning the digital divide into digital opportunity and we commit to ensuring harmonious and equitable development for all. We commit to foster and provide guidance on development areas in the broader Internet governance arrangements, and to include, amongst other issues, international interconnection costs, capacity building and technology/know-how transfer. We encourage the realization of multilingualism in the Internet development environment, and we support the development of software that renders itself easily to localization, and enables users to choose appropriate solutions from different software models including open-source, free and proprietary software.*

*50. We acknowledge that there are concerns, particularly amongst developing countries, that the charges for international Internet connectivity should be better balanced to enhance access. We therefore call for the development of strategies for increasing affordable global connectivity, thereby facilitating improved and equitable access for all, by:*

*a) Promoting Internet transit and interconnection costs that are* ***commercially negotiated*** *in a* ***competitive environment*** *and that should be oriented towards objective, transparent* ***and non-discriminatory parameters****, taking into account ongoing work on this subject.*

*b) Setting up regional high-speed Internet backbone networks and the creation of national, sub-regional and regional Internet Exchange Points (IXPs*

*d) Encouraging ITU to continue the study of the question of International*

*Internet Connectivity (IIC) as a matter of urgency, and to periodically provide output for consideration and possible implementation. We also encourage other relevant institutions to address this issue.*

*51………..Furthermore, international cooperation would be extended, on a voluntary basis, for capacity building in areas relevant to Internet governance. This may include, in particular, building centers of expertise and other institutions to facilitate know-how transfer and exchange of best practices, in order to enhance the participation of developing countries and all stakeholders in Internet governance mechanisms.*

*52. In order to ensure effective participation in global Internet governance, we urge international organizations, including intergovernmental organizations, where relevant, to ensure that all stakeholders, particularly from developing countries, have the opportunity to participate in policy decision-making relating to Internet governance, and to promote and facilitate such participation.*

*53. We commit to working earnestly towards multilingualization of the Internet, as part of a multilateral, transparent and democratic process, involving governments and all stakeholders, in their respective roles. In this context, we also support local content development, translation and adaptation, digital archives, and diverse forms of digital and traditional media, and recognize that these activities can also strengthen local and indigenous communities. We would therefore underline the need to:*

*a) Advance the process for the introduction of multilingualism in a number of areas including domain names, e-mail addresses and keyword look-up;*

*b) implement programmers that allow for the presence of multilingual domain names and content on the Internet and the use of various software models in order to fight against the linguistic digital divide and ensure the participation of all in the emerging new society;*

*o) Reaffirming the independence, pluralism and diversity of media, and freedom of information* including through, as appropriate, the development of domestic legislation, we reiterate our call for the responsible use and treatment of information by the media in accordance with the highest ethical and professional standards.

*54. We recognize that an enabling environment, at national and international levels, supportive of foreign direct investment, transfer of technology, and international cooperation, particularly in the areas of finance debt and trade, is essential for the development of the Information Society, including for the development and diffusion of the Internet and its optimal use. In particular, the role of the private sector and civil society as the driver of innovation and private investment in the development of the Internet is critical. Value is added at the edges of the network in both developed and developing countries when the international and domestic policy environment encourages investment and innovation.*

*56. The Internet remains a highly dynamic medium and therefore any framework and mechanisms designed to deal with Internet governance should be inclusive and responsive to the exponential growth and fast evolution of the Internet as a common platform for the development of multiple applications.*

*57.* ***The security and stability of the Internet must be maintained****.*

*58. We recognize that Internet governance includes more than Internet naming and addressing. It also includes other significant public policy issues such as, inter alia,* ***critical Internet resources****,* ***the security and safety of the Internet****,* ***and developmental aspects and issues pertaining to the use of the Internet.***

*59. We recognize that Internet governance includes social, economic and technical issues including affordability, reliability and quality of service.*

*60. We further recognize that* ***there are many cross-cutting international public policy issues that require attention and are not adequately addressed by the current mechanisms.***

*62. We emphasize that any Internet governance approach should be inclusive and responsive and should continue to promote an enabling environment for innovation, competition and investment*

*63.* Countries should not be involved in decisions regarding another country’s country-code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD). Their legitimate interests, as expressed and defined by each country, in diverse ways, regarding decisions affecting their ccTLDs, need to be respected, upheld and addressed via a flexible and improved framework and mechanisms.

*65. We underline the need* ***to maximize the participation of developing countries in decisions regarding Internet governance,*** *which should reflect their interests, as well as in development and capacity building.*

*66. In view of the continuing internationalization of the Internet and the principle of universality, we agree to implement the Geneva Principles regarding Internet governance.*

*68. We recognize that* ***all governments should have an equal role and responsibility, for international Internet governance*** *and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet. We also recognize the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders.*

*69. We further recognize* ***the need for enhanced cooperation in the future****,* ***to enable governments****,* ***on an equal footing****, to carry out* ***their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet****, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not impact on international public policy issues.*

*70. Using relevant international organizations, such cooperation should include* ***the development of globally applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources.***

*In this regard, we call upon the organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet to contribute to creating an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles.*

*71. The process towards enhanced cooperation, to be started by the UN Secretary-*

*General, involving all relevant organizations by the end of the first quarter of 2006, will involve all stakeholders in their respective roles, will proceed as quickly as possible consistent* ***with legal process****, and will be responsive to innovation.*

*Relevant organizations should commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and responsive to innovation. The same relevant organizations shall be requested to provide annual performance reports.*

*72. We ask the UN Secretary-General, in an open and inclusive process, to convene, by the second quarter of 2006, a meeting of the new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue — called the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The mandate of the*

*Forum is to:*

*a) Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance in order to foster the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet.*

*b) Facilitate discourse between bodies dealing with different cross-cutting international public policies regarding the Internet and discuss issues that do not fall within the scope of any existing body.*

*c) Interface with appropriate intergovernmental organizations and other institutions on matters under their purview.*

*d) Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices, and in this regard make full use of the expertise of the academic, scientific c and technical communities.*

*e) Advise all stakeholders in proposing ways and means to accelerate the availability and affordability of the Internet in the developing world.*

*f) Strengthen and enhance the engagement of stakeholders in existing and/ or future Internet governance mechanisms, particularly those from developing countries.*

*g) Identify emerging issues, bring them to the attention of the relevant bodies and the general public, and, where appropriate, make recommendations.*

*h) Contribute to capacity building for Internet governance in developing countries, drawing fully on local sources of knowledge and expertise.*

*i) Promote and assess, on an ongoing basis, the embodiment of WSIS principles in Internet governance processes.*

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*j) Discuss, inter alia, issues relating to critical Internet resources.*

*k) Help to find solutions to the issues arising from the use and misuse of the Internet, of particular concern to everyday users.*

*l) Publish its proceedings.*

*73. The Internet Governance Forum, in its working and function, will be multilateral, multi-stakeholder, democratic and transparent. To that end, the proposed IGF could:*

*a) Build on the existing structures of Internet governance, with special emphasis on the complementarily between all stakeholders involved in this process – governments, business entities, civil society and intergovernmental organizations.*

*74. We encourage the UN Secretary-General to examine a range of options for the convening of the Forum, taking into consideration the proven competencies of all stakeholders in Internet governance and the need to ensure their full involvement*

*77. The IGF would have no oversight function and would not replace existing arrangements, mechanisms, institutions or organizations, but would involve them and take advantage of their expertise. It would be constituted as a neutral, non-duplicative and non-binding process. It would have no involvement in day-to-day or technical operations of the Internet.*

*79. Diverse matters relating to Internet governance would continue to be addressed in other relevant forums.*

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*o)……..*, we reiterate our call for the responsible use and treatment of information by the media in accordance with the highest ethical and professional standards.

*121. There is a need to build more awareness of the Internet in order to make it a global facility which is truly available to the public*.”

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**1.2 Annex 1 to Council Resolution 1305**

Annex 1 to Council Resolution 1305relating to the man-date of the Decimated Group also contains elements some of which were already referred to in the above –mention WSIS document ( Tunis Agenda ) as well as in some other Resolutions of previous ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences and other ITU Assemblies and/or Conferences .A copy of that Annex is reproduced below for easy reference.

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ANNEX 1

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|  | **Public Policy Issues** | **Relevant ITU Mandate** |
| 1 | Multilingualization of the Internet Including [Internationalized (multilingual) Domain Names](http://www.itu.int/publ/T-RES/publications.aspx?lang=en&parent=T-RES-T.48-2008) | * [PP. Resolution 133](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res133.pdf#page=3) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [WTSA Resolution 48](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.48-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=3) (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008)
* [WTDC Program 3](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Programme3.pdf#page=1) (Rev. Doha, 2006)
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| 2 | International Internet Connectivity | * [ITU-D Study Group 1, Question 12](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/study_groups/SGP_2006-2010/documents/Questions/Q12-2-1.pdf)-2/1
* [ITU-T Study Group 3](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/studygroups/com03/iic/index.html) ([Recommendation D.50](http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-D.50-200810-I/en))
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| 3 | International public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses | * [PP. Resolutions 101](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res101.pdf#page=4), [102](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res102.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [WTSA Resolutions 47](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.47-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=3), [49](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa/resolutions04/Res49E.pdf#page=3), [64](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/WTSA64.pdf#page=3), [69](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.69-2008-PDF-E.pdf), [75](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/WTSA75.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008)
* [Resolution 1282](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res1282-Mod08.pdf#page=2) (Mod. 2008)
* [Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C6 (Tunis 2005)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)
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| 4 | The security, safety, continuity, sustainability, and robustness of the Internet | * [PP. Resolutions 102](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res102.pdf#page=4), [130](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res130.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [WTDC Resolution 45](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res45.pdf#page=3), [Program 3](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Programme3.pdf#page=1) (Rev. Doha, 2006),
* [WTSA Resolutions 50](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.50-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=4), [52](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.52-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
* [ITU-T Study Group 17](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/special-projects/idn/index.html), [ITU-D Study Group 1](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/study_groups/SGP_2006-2010/SG1/SG1-index.html)
* [PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4](http://www.itu.int/council/activities/pd/itu-strategic-plan-2008-2011.pdf#page=7) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
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| 5 | Combating Cybercrime | * [Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)
* [WTDC Program 3](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Programme3.pdf#page=1) (Rev. Doha, 2006)
* [PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4](http://www.itu.int/council/activities/pd/itu-strategic-plan-2008-2011.pdf#page=7) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [ITU-D Study Group 1](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/study_groups/SGP_2006-2010/SG1/SG1-index.html)
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| 6 | Dealing effectively with spam | * [Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)
* [PP. Resolution 130](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res130.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [WTDC Program 3](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Programme3.pdf#page=1), [Resolution 45](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res45.pdf#page=3) (Rev. Doha, 2006)
* [WTSA 50](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.50-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=4), [52](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.52-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
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| 7 | Issues pertaining to the use and misuse of the Internet | * [Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)
* [Resolution 1282](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res1282-Mod08.pdf#page=2) (Mod. 2008)
* [WTDC Program 3](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Programme3.pdf#page=1) (Rev. Doha, 2006)
* [PP. Resolution 130](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res130.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [WTSA Resolutions 50](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.50-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=4), [52](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.52-2008-PDF-E.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
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| 8 | Availability, affordability, reliability, and quality of service, especially in the developing world | * [Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C2 (Tunis 2005)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)
* [Resolution 1282](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res1282-Mod08.pdf#page=2) (Mod. 2008)
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| 9 | Contributing to capacity building for Internet governance in developing countries | * [WTDC Resolutions 17](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res17.pdf), [20](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res20.pdf) (Rev. Doha, 2006)
* [ITU-D Programme 3](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/publications/2006/dohaactionplanprogramme3.pdf), [ITU-D Programme 5](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/isap/WTDC-02FinalReport/Section2/Prog5.pdf),
* [WTSA Resolutions 64](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/WTSA64.pdf#page=3) (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
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| 10 | Developmental aspects of the Internet | * [WTDC Resolutions 17](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res17.pdf), [20](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res20.pdf) (Rev. Doha, 2006)
* [WTSA Resolutions 64](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/WTSA64.pdf#page=3), [75](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/WTSA75.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Johannesburg 2008)
* [PP. Resolutions 101](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res101.pdf#page=4), [102](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res102.pdf#page=4), [133](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res133.pdf#page=3) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
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| 11 | Respect for privacy and the protection of personal information and data | * [PP. Resolution 130](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res130.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)
* [Resolution 1282](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res1282-Mod08.pdf#page=2) (Mod. 2008)
* [PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4](http://www.itu.int/council/activities/pd/itu-strategic-plan-2008-2011.pdf#page=7) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
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| 12 | Protecting children and young people from abuse and exploitation | * [PP. Resolution 130](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res130.pdf#page=4) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [Lead Facilitator of WSIS AL C5 (Tunis 2005)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)
* [PP. Resolution 71 – Strategic Goal 4](http://www.itu.int/council/activities/pd/itu-strategic-plan-2008-2011.pdf#page=7) (Rev. Antalya, 2006)
* [Resolution 1282](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/intgov/mandate/Res1282-Mod08.pdf#page=2) (Mod. 2008)
* [ITU-D Program 3](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/publications/2006/dohaactionplanprogramme3.pdf), [ITU-T Study Group 17](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/special-projects/idn/index.html)
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**1.3 World Telecommunication Policy Forum 2001 on IP Telephony**

The above-mentioned WTPF dealt with the following issues

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* *the general implications of IP Telephony for the ITU membership with respect to:
(a) the telecommunications policies and regulations of ITU Member States; (b) the implications of IP Telephony for developing countries, particularly with respect to policies and regulatory frameworks, as well as technical and economic aspects;
(c) the impact of IP Telephony on the operations of Sector Members, notably in terms of the financial challenges and commercial opportunities it presents;*
* *actions to assist Member States and Sector Members in adapting to the changes in the telecommunication environment due to the emergence of IP Telephony, including analysing the current situation (e.g., by case studies) and formulating possible cooperative actions involving ITU Member States and Sector Members to facilitate adaptation to the new environment;*
* *actions to assist Member States and Sector Members in meeting the human resource development challenges presented by new telecommunication technologies such as IP Telephony, in particular, skills shortages and the need for education, and technology transfer.*

Consequently, neither any reproduction, nor partial /full citation /quotation of the materials contained in the output or input of that WTPF Forum should be appeared in the Secretary General’s Report to WTPF-13.However, for ease and ready reference the documents of WTPF 2001 could be hyperlinked. The above-mentioned course of action should be performed before the publication of Final/Definitive Report of the Secretary General to the WTPF-2013.

**1.4 Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA)**

The ITU Secretary-General launched the [Global Cybersecurity Agenda](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/cybersecurity/gca/)[[1]](#footnote-1) on 17 May 2007, alongside partners from governments, industry, regional and international organizations, academic and research institutions.

The GCA was/is a global framework for dialogue and international cooperation to coordinate the international response to the growing challenges to cybersecurity. It builds on existing work, initiatives and partnerships with the objective of proposing global strategies to address today’s challenges related to building confidence and security in the use of ICTs.

The GCA has [seven main strategic goals](http://www.itu.int/osg/csd/cybersecurity/gca/pillars-goals/index.html), built on five work areas:

1. Legal Measures;
2. Technical and Procedural Measures;
3. Organizational Structures;
4. Capacity Building; and
5. International Cooperation

The output /Report of this activity could serve a good basis to achieve and /or foster a global framework for dialogue and international cooperation to coordinate the international response to the growing challenges to cybersecurity.

**2** In view of the above, this Administration is therefore of the view that , the Informal Expert Group needs to carefully examine the materials mentioned in/ referred to in paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2,1.3 and 1.4 above and ensure that all these issues duly and properly are reflected in Report of the Secretary General to the WTPF-2013 Forum

**3 Draft Options**

Before deciding on whether or not to include any Draft Opinion in the Report, the following questions /issues need to be answered/ examined:

3.1 The appropriateness/usefulness of inclusion of any Opinion in the outcome of the WTPF 2013 .The answer to this question depends on the answer to another question

3.2 Which entity, when and how will further explore, develop, enhance, pursue and implement the subject Opinion. Among the answers to the latter question, the third question arises.

3.3 According to the past experiences, most of the European countries as well as some other countries in the American Continent and in some Pacific countries were and may still are of the view that any Opinion adopted at WTPF has no real value and practical application. A clear example of such view was “OPINION 6 “adopted by WTPF 2009 which was aimed to be pursued and implemented by WCIT-12. Unfortunately the above-mentioned group of countries strongly objected for the inclusion of the thrust of that OPINION in the output / Final Acts of WCIT-12.

3.4 Even though it is unanimously agreed that WTPF 2013 should produce Opinion, then the following further questions arise

3.5 How many Opinions?

3.6 On what theme and/ or subjects?

3.7 The answer to 2.5 depends on the answer to 2.6

3.8 Should WTPF 2013 concludes to adopt Opinion(s)

3.9 These should address the issues related to International Internet Public Policy

3.10 The above-mentioned issues should be those which have not yet been properly addressed in previous ITU Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings and,

3.11 Each subject or group of subject (which are directly related to each other) should addressed in a separate Opinion, and,

3.12 There should be direct relations between the “Preambles Parts” and the “View Parts “of these Opinion .Moreover, the theme of the Opinion should be directly related to and coherent with the title of the Forum.

3.13 A quick review of the six Opinions attached to the Draft Report reveals that in most cases the above-mentioned criteria are not met.

3.14 In view of the above, there is a need to carefully review the draft Opinions and deeply examine them to ensure that the criteria referred to above are fully met.

3.15 Moreover, in some of these Draft Opinions, the addressees are not clear. In some case they refer to ITU which could be understood as the Secretary General, or General Secretariat, or ITU Sectors or the entire ITU as a whole. In some cases they also suggesting that an entity be established but it is not clear who and with what terms of reference and under which provisions the subject entity should be established. It is not also clear whether the referred entity should be established under the auspices of the ITU or under other UN Agency. In some cases other entities outside the structure of the ITU is called to take some action. However, it is not clear whether the WTPF-2013 is entitled to call for such action(s)

3.16 This Administration has made the preliminary examination and believes that most of the Draft, Opinions require major modifications and clarifications.

**4.** **Fourth Draft Report**

This Administration in reviewing the Secretary General’s Fourth Draft Report has identified that the majority of paragraphs are either outdated or irrelevant or there is no valid supporting material / evidence for their inclusion in the Draft Report. Some of these elements were taken from other reports which have had different objectives and different purposes. For these reasons, this Administration believed that their inclusion may neither be useful, nor relevant and might therefore mislead the readers and thus could be deleted .These changes and/or deletions are shown with revision marks.

**FOURTHDRAFT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL’S REPORT**

**for the
Fifth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2013**

**1. Preamble**

**1. 1 The Fifth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF)[[2]](#footnote-2)**

**1.1.1** Originally established by the 1994 Plenipotentiary Conference, the WTPF provides a forum where ITU Member States and Sector Members can discuss and exchange views and information on emerging telecommunication/ICT policy and regulatory matters, especially global and cross-sectoral issues (Resolution 2, Rev. Guadalajara, 2010).

**1.1.2** By Decision 562, the 2011 Session of ITU Council decided that WTPF-2013 would discuss all the issues raised in: Resolution 101: “Internet Protocol (IP)-based Networks” (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010); Resolution 102: “ITU’s role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses” (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010); and Resolution 133: “Roles of administrations of Member States in the management of Internationalized (multilingual) domain names” (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010).

**1.1.3** The ITU Secretariat prepares annual reports to Council on ITU’s activities in relation to the implementation of Resolution 101 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) and Resolution 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010). Other relevant activities are also undertaken by ITU within the framework of its Strategic, Operational and Financial Plans.

**1.1.4** Building on the work of the Dedicated Group, the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)[[3]](#footnote-3) was established by 2011 Council [Resolution 1336](http://www.itu.int/md/S11-CL-C-0099/en), in accordance with Resolutions 102 and 140 of the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference. Its[terms of reference](http://www.itu.int/council/groups/CWG-internet/index.html) are to identify study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues, including those issues identified in 2009 Council Resolution 1305.Participation in the CWG-Internet is limited to ITU Member States, with open consultation for all stakeholders[[4]](#footnote-4). Council 2012 Resolution 1344 further elaborated the modality of open consultation for the CWG-Internet to include online consultations for all stakeholders[[5]](#footnote-5).

**1.1.5** WTPF-2013 shall not produce prescriptive regulatory outcomes; however, it shall prepare reports and adopt non-binding opinions by consensus for consideration by Member States, Sector Members, and relevant ITU meetings, bearing in mind items 1.1.3 and 1.1.4, and the need to avoid contradiction between the themes and the discussions at WTPF and ongoing activities undertaken as part of ITU’s mandate under Plenipotentiary Resolutions (and other decisions of ITU Conferences and Assemblies) and the terms of reference of theITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy[[6]](#footnote-6).

**1.1.6** All information relating to WTPF-2013 is posted at: <http://www.itu.int/wtpf>.

# 1.2 Preparatory process for the Secretary-General’s Report

**1.2.1** Discussions at WTPF-2013 shall be based on a Report from the Secretary-General, incorporating the contributions of ITU Member States and Sector Members, which will serve as the sole working document of the Forum, and shall focus on key issues on which it would be desirable to reach conclusions (Council 2011 Decision 562). This draft Report outlines a potential scope for discussions and presents some of the Internet-related public policy issues under consideration among different stakeholder groups.

**1.2.2** According to Decision 562, the Secretary-General shall convene a balancedInformal Experts Group (IEG), each of whom is active in preparing for the Policy Forum. Membership of the IEG is now open to all stakeholders. At its 2012 Session, the Council agreed that all relevant stakeholders should participate in the work of the IEG of WTPF-13 to contribute their unique perspective to the preparatory process, based on their roles and responsibilities under Para. 35 of the *Tunis Agenda* (2005). Consequently, participation in the work of the IEG will be open to all relevant stakeholders in accordance with the 2011 and 2012 Council Decisions, and the need to maintain a balanced group of experts. Relevant stakeholders are invited to express their interest in participating in the IEG by registering at: <http://www.itu.int/wtpf>.

**1.2.3** A revised timetable, based on input received from membership and approved by Council 2012[[7]](#footnote-7), is given below.

**Table 1: Timetable for the elaboration of the Secretary-General’s Report**

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| **9 March 2012** | Deadline for membership to submit materials considered relevant for the first draft of the Secretary-General’s report.  |
| **13 April 2012** | Online posting and circulation to membership of the first draft of the Secretary-General’s report (drawn up on the basis of available material). |
| **15 May 2012** | Deadline for receipt of membership comments on the first draft and additional materials for the second draft.  |
| **5 June 2012** | First meeting of the IEG.Preliminary Second Draft of the Secretary-General’s report. |
| **25 June 2012** | Deadline for receipt of comments on the preliminary Second Draft. |
| **3 July  2012** | Online Posting of the Second Draft, incorporating comments received. |
| **1 August 2012** | Deadline for receipt of comments on the Second Draft and request for contributions to develop the Third Draft, including broad outlines for possible draft opinions.Invitation letter sent to all stakeholders to participate in the IEG. |
| **31 August 2012** | Online Posting of Third Draft and outlines for possible draft opinions. |
| **30 September 2012** | Deadline for receipt of comments on the Third Draft. |
| **10-12 October 2012** | Second meeting of the IEG. |
| **10 January  2013** | Online Posting of the Fourth Draft including draft opinions. |
| **6-8 February 2013**  | Third meeting of the IEG. |
| **1 March 2013** | Finalization and publication of the Secretary-General’s report. |
| **13 May 2013** | WTPF Strategic Dialogue. |
| **14-16 May 2013(in parallel with the WSIS Forum 2013)** | 5th WTPF on Internet-related public policy issues. |

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# 2. Themes for WTPF-2013

**2.1** By Decision 562, in accordance with Decision 2 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2012), the 2011 Session of Council decided that the fifth WTPF would discuss all the issues raised in Resolution 101 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), Resolution 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) and Resolution 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010). Resolutions 101 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) and 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) were adopted in 1998 and amended most recently at PP-10.Resolution 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) was adopted in 2002 and amended most recently at PP-10.

**2.2** In accordance with Council 2011 Decision 562, the WTPFwilldiscuss all the issues raised in Resolutions 101, 102 and 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010).Below are suggested broad themes from IEG meetings[[8]](#footnote-8) under which these issues could be discussed:

* The multistakeholder model of the governanceof the Internet;
* Global Principles for the governance and use of the Internet;
* Development and diffusion of ICTsand strategies for developing Internet connectivity globally;
* How to develop an enabling environment for encouraging growth, interoperability and development of the Internet;
* How can the Internet contribute to developing an enabling environment for encouraging growth[source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0018/en)[[9]](#footnote-9)];
* Strategies for increasing affordable global connectivity: the critical role of IXPs [source: [ISOC](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0015/en)[[10]](#footnote-10)].
* On the basis of reciprocity, to explore ways and means for greater collaboration and coordinationbetween ITU and relevant organizations - including, but not limited to, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet Society (ISOC) and the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) - involved in the development of IP-based networks and the future internet, through cooperation agreements, as appropriate, in order to increase the role of ITU in Internet governance so as to ensure maximum benefits to the global community.

**2.3** For the purposes of this report, issues raised in Plenipotentiary Resolutions 101, 102 and 133 (bearing in mind item 1.1.5)are listed in the sections below.

**2.3.1 Development & Diffusion of ICTs Globally**

1. The Internet traces its origins[[11]](#footnote-11) to concepts developed in the United States of America more than 40 years ago, which made significant investments – financial, intellectual and human – in the development of early and later iterations of the Internet. Various technologies underpin the Internet (such as computing, digital communications and semiconductors). For example,in 1973, TCP/IP was first proposed and experimentally deployed a few years later to link packet-based networks. Thus was born the set of interconnected networks, computers and applications known as the Internet. In 1983, the Domain Name System (DNS) was introduced to allow the use of semantic names for host computers, which could be resolved to IP addresses, thus simplifying use of the Internet [source: [U.S.A./CNRI](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0019/en)[[12]](#footnote-12)]. Indeed, some of the key characteristics of the Internet today reflect the priorities and historical choices made during the course of its development (e.g.,its architecture,the priority given to information-sharing and exchange, and the possibility of anonymity).
2. The Internet has evolved far beyond its initial experimental setting.Today’s information infrastructure encompasses a host of public and private IP-based and other networks with potentially global reach.It is estimated that more than 5,000 networks interconnect in the Internet[source: [U.S.A](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en).[[13]](#footnote-13)].
3. The significance of the Internet can be measured by a number of quantitative and qualitative metrics. Quantitative metrics measuring the size and growth of the Internet include, for example,its contribution to GDP[[14]](#footnote-14)[source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[15]](#footnote-15)], growth in infrastructure deployment[[16]](#footnote-16) (e.g., international Internet bandwidth, length of fibre deployed, the number of Internet servers), content (e.g., number of websites, volume of data traffic transmitted or stored[[17]](#footnote-17)) and Internet adoption (e.g., number of Internet subscriptions, number of fixed and wireless broadband subscriptions, number of Internet users[[18]](#footnote-18)) and diverse activities carried out viathe Internet (e.g., integration of the Internet into existing business or citizen processes), *inter alia*. Qualitative metrics include measuring the impact of the Internet in transforming or inventing new business and citizen processes, for example. Various studies suggest that the Internet is transforming the global economy, as well as local economies.
4. The Internet has also become a vehicle for spam[[19]](#footnote-19), online child pornography and other abuses of children[[20]](#footnote-20), identity theft and cybercrime[[21]](#footnote-21),[[22]](#footnote-22),cyberterrorism, as well as use of Internet resources for purposes that are inconsistent with international peace, stability and security [source: [Russian Federation](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0032/en)[[23]](#footnote-23)]. Indeed, lack of security may limit even wider adoption of the Internet and its use for greater good; further, greater locallanguage content is strongly associated with greater Internet use in many parts of the world[[24]](#footnote-24), so the lack of locallanguage content may inhibit demand [source: [Saudi Arabia and Sudan](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0017/en) [[25]](#footnote-25)]. Considerable work has been done to mitigate these issues at ITU (e.g. various study groups within ITU, ITU-IMPACT) and in many forums, including, for example: the Council of Europe; the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC); the Forum for Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST); the Messaging Anti-Abuse Working Group (MAAWG); the Anti-Phishing Working Group, and the Government Group of Experts (GGE) in Committee 1 of the UN General Assembly, which are addressing issues related to cybercrime, fraud, and child pornography. There is a strong correlation between the development of local network infrastructure and the growth of local content. As a result of investments made around the world, local content is growing in volume. Further, local content composition is changing. Today, content is no longer dominated by developed countries but is more representative of the diversity of the many cultures, languages, and communities that exist across the globe [[26]](#footnote-26) [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[27]](#footnote-27)]. Internet has been used as a tool/means to disseminate false, untrue, misleading, inciting, provocative information, propaganda, cultural attack which have had adverse impact on culture, dignity, customs, tradition, conviction belief, friendship, family life, honor of peoples in certain circumstances, and for certain countries as well as social instability, security, integrity, unity, solidarity, integrity, political stability and peace in certain other countries.
5. In fact, the Internet is todayavailable in nearly every country and supports applications that touch on virtually all aspects of society. The Internet has become a vital part of critical national information infrastructure, and a key driver of socio-economic growth and development, among other drivers.
6. Total Internet users numbered some 2.3 billion worldwide by the end of 2011 (Figure 1, left). Total mobile broadband subscriptions amounted to 1.19 billion.
7. Advances in infrastructure have been made possible due in large part to investment by Governments, investors and particularly by network operators, who build and maintain the global information infrastructure.
8. Para. 50 of the *Tunis Agenda* recognizes the important role of local Internet Exchange Points (IXPs), with growing evidence for the significant cost and performance gains associated with IXP development in some emerging markets (for example, Kenya and Nigeria, where reductions in telecommunication traffic costs, reduced latency of local traffic, increased amounts of local content and greater usage of the Internet were observed to be associated with the establishment and activities of the IXPs in these countries[[28]](#footnote-35)).
9. The increased use of the Internet enhances the value of the network as a result of “network effects”[[29]](#footnote-36) and Metcalfe’s Law[[30]](#footnote-37). This enhanced value encourages the development of additional applications and services based on its architecture and the “end-to-end” principle e.g., the utilization of e-mail and text messaging, Voice over IP (VoIP), streaming and real time video, TV (IPTV) over the Internet, social networking, search capabilities, e-books, e-government, e-learning, e-health etc. By 2011, there were 135.4 million VoIP subscribers and 60 million IPTV subscribers worldwide[[31]](#footnote-38).

**Figure 1: Total Internet Users, by geographic region, and by language, 2011**



Source: ITU from <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/statistics/at_glance/KeyTelecom.html> (left); Internet World Statistics from <http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats7.htm> (right).

1. It maybe observed that[[32]](#footnote-39):

i. Broadband and Internet penetration rates are markedly higher in developed countries than they are in developing countries, while the differences with respect to mobile cellular penetration are smaller.

ii. The growth of fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions, Internet users and mobile cellular subscriptions during the period 2005-2011 has slowed mainly in developed countries, as these markets reach saturation. In the developing world, growth continues at double digit rates.

iii.

1. The Internet has fundamental value as a platform for business, innovation, dissemination and, access to information and scientific progress. In the growing digital economy, the Internet represents a portal for knowledge, education and entertainment which is becoming increasingly available to more of the world’s population, especially if growth in the use of mobile broadband can mirror the recent overall growth in mobile communications.
2. Today, the Internet is becoming “one of the basic commodities of life” and various studies have cited the information and knowledge provided over the Internet as examples of global public goods[[33]](#footnote-40).
3. One idea is that the Internet, , must be allowed to enable the world’s citizens to connect freelyand express themselves consistent with fundamental principles of freedom of expression, as detailed in Article 19 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recently reaffirmed by the UN Human Rights Council,while taking into consideration national security or of public order (ordre public), or of public health or morals[[34]](#footnote-42). Consistent with the nature of knowledge, information and forms of expression provided over the Internet as global public goods as well the observance of national legislation ,cultural heritage ,historical traditions and customs and conviction and belief of peoples in individual countries belief, ITU Member States may wish to consider policy measures to increase and promote the continued growth of the Internet and the markets and economies based thereon taking into account the negative aspects and consequences of such promotion as outlined above.
4. At the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), world leaders and Heads of State adopted general principles on a multi-stakeholder governance model, which offer a fundamental framework on which to base such policy measures. Various initiatives have been undertaken at the national level to enunciate high-level governing principles for cyberspace (including, *inter alia*, the United States[International Strategy for Cyberspace](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/international_strategy_for_cyberspace.pdf), and Brazil’s ten "[Principles for the Governance and Use of the Internet](http://cgi.br/)” andthe concept of the Russian Federation Convention on International Information Security), and at the international level (such as the Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunication in the Context of International Security 65/201, International Code of Conduct for Information Security A/66/359, and the OECD Council Recommendation on Principles for Internet Policy-Making[[35]](#footnote-43)).
5. Advances in information infrastructure, including the development of IP-based networks and the Internet, taking into account the requirements, features and interoperability of next-generation networks (NGN) and future networks, are vitally important as a major engine for growth in the world economy in the twenty-first century.
6. The management of digital information has emerged in recent years as an important aspect of the Internet going forward. This will benefit many new efforts such as those involving current architectures – Cloud Computing, Big Data and the Internet of Things–and new architectures, such as the Digital Object Architecture (DOA), are being developed and deployed which support these initiatives [source: [U.S.A./CNRI](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0019/en) [[36]](#footnote-44)].Major research and development activities are underway in the EU, the US, Rep. of Korea, Japan and elsewhere on new architectures and protocols for the future Internet, which aim,*inter alia*,to improve capacity, performance, stability and recognized weaknesses in security, and provide support for multilingualization.

**2.3.2 The Multi-stakeholder Model**

**2.3.2.1 The Multi-stakeholder Model has been recognized at WSIS as the global model for Internet governance; WSIS outcome documents provided a set of framework principles for the multistakeholder model**

a) Two key outcomes of WSIS were: (1) the clear enunciation of principles for the multi-stakeholder governance model of the Internet[[37]](#footnote-45) and (2) the recognition of this model as the way forward for the global governance of the Internet, as reflected throughout the WSIS outcome documents[[38]](#footnote-46), examples of which are included in paragraphs (b)-(e) of this subsection.

b) “A working definition” of Internet governance was developed by the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG, a group comprising all stakeholders[[39]](#footnote-47)) and later adopted by Summit and included in para. 34 of the *Tunis Agenda,*which states that Internet Governance is “the development and application by governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet”. Para. 58 of the *Tunis Agenda* notes that Internet governance includes more than Internet naming and addressing;therefore it also includes other significant public policy issues such as,*inter alia*, critical Internet resources, the security and safety of the Internet, and developmental aspects and issues pertaining to the use of the Internet [source: [ISOC Bulgaria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0037/en)[[40]](#footnote-48)].

c)   Para. 29 of the *Tunis Agenda* reaffirmed that international management of the Internet should be multilateral, transparent and democratic, with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, civil society and international organizations. It should ensure an equitable distribution of resources, facilitate access for all and ensure a stable and secure functioning of the Internet, taking into account multilingualism.

d) The roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder group are specified in para. 35 of the *Tunis Agenda*, which states that:

“The management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations. In this respect, it is recognized that:

1. Policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for international Internet-related public policy issues, complemented by relevant legislation being enacted by appropriate law-making bodies (including Parliaments, etc.).
2. The private sector has had, and should continue to have, an important role in the development of the Internet, both in the technical and economic fields.
3. Civil society has also played an important role on Internet matters, especially at community level, and should continue to play such a role.
4. Intergovernmental organizations have had, and should continue to have, a facilitating role in the coordination of Internet-related public policy issues.
5. International organizations have also had and should continue to have an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies”.

e) Under the broad framework of the multistakeholder governance model, the *Tunis Agenda* provides*guiding principles* for various aspects of the management of the Internet, including:

The relevant outcomes (§§ 29-82 of the Tunis Agenda) concerning Internet governance.

§§ 68-71 and 72-78 of the Tunis Agenda with regard to enhanced cooperation on Internet governance and the establishment of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

**Comments**

Yes, all these statements are correct but what is their relevance to the enhanced cooperation on International Internet Public Policy issues.

It is almost 7 years passed and we are still talking and thinking within the past. What about the expectations and objectives?

 **2.3.2.2 Through its Plenipotentiary Resolutions, ITU membership recognizes the multi-stakeholder governance model based on WSIS principles as the framework for global Internet governance**

1. The recognition of WSIS principles, of the multistakeholder model of Internet governance and of the important role and responsibilities of each stakeholder group is emphasized in the various Plenipotentiary Resolutions, especially in Res. 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010).
2. Many of the paragraphs from the *Tunis Agenda* on multistakeholder cooperation are included, *inter alia*, in Resolutions 101, 102 and 133. The need for multistakeholder cooperation is also apparent in paragraphs such as the ones below[[41]](#footnote-49) where the contribution from specific stakeholder groups towards the development of the Internet is acknowledged, while urging the involvement of all stakeholders in various aspects of its management:
3. The development of the Internet is today essentially market-led and has been driven by both private and government initiatives.
4. The private sector continues to play a very important role in the expansion and development of the Internet, for example through investments in infrastructures and services.
5. The management of the Internet is a subject of valid international interest and must flow from full international and multistakeholder cooperation on the basis of the WSIS outcomes.
6. As stated in the WSIS outcomes, all governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the existing Internet and its future development and of the future Internet, and that the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders is also recognized. Then what has happened till now?
7. WSIS recognized the need for enhanced cooperation in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact on international public policy issues [source: para. 69, *Tunis Agenda*[[42]](#footnote-50)].
8. Recalling the results of WSIS, there should be a commitment to working earnestly towards multilingualization of the Internet, as part of a multilateral, transparent and democratic process, involving governments and all stakeholders, in their respective roles [source: para. 53, *Tunis Agenda*[[43]](#footnote-51)]. Only a commitment or a commitment followed by action?

**2.3.2.3 The implementation of the WSIS multistakeholder principles is under discussion. The issues raised in the Plenipotentiary Resolutions reflect the delicate interplay between the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in the management of the Internet**

1. The principle of multistakeholder governance of the Internet is broadly recognized. Discussions on Internet governance have been carried out from both a narrow and broad perspective. The narrow perspective focuses on Internet architecture and infrastructure (DNS, IP numbers, and root servers) – fields in which organizations such as the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) play a significant role, with many stakeholders therein. A broader perspective on Internet governance goes beyond infrastructural points and address other legal, economic, developmental, and socio-cultural issues, such as the approach adopted by the WSIS [source: [Brazil](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0009/en)[[44]](#footnote-52)]. How many times we should mention the recognition of multistakeholder governance of the Internet?

The WSIS outcome documents and ITU Plenipotentiary Resolutions, as well as many national and regional initiatives[[45]](#footnote-53), have endorsed the WSIS multistakeholder model for the management of the Internet that includes governments, private sector, international and intergovernmental organizations, civil society and academia. Are governments  really included in the process? Or only a Government participation as adviser without any commitment to be taken into account under the severe conditions that the view of **114** countries member of GAC have one single coordinated view which is almost impossible due to various reasons .Consequently the process does not function.

1. A divergence in opinion is observed in the implementation of the WSIS multistakeholder model in the current Internet governance ecosystem:
2. One view is that the current governanceof the Internet is sufficiently multistakeholder and inclusive in terms of involvement of all stakeholder groups[[46]](#footnote-54) [sources: [Cisco](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0014/en), [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en), [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0007/en),[ISOC](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0015/en)[[47]](#footnote-55)]. Those holding this view state that the current organizations, systems and processes have successfully met the needs of its stakeholders through “industry-led, bottom-up, voluntary, decentralized and consensus-based” processes. The current model has been cited has being “flexible, transparent and accountable”, “enabling a stable, open and innovative network of networks, the Internet today” [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[48]](#footnote-56)]. These characteristics arecredited with helping maximize flexibility and innovation and are cited as one reason why the Internet has been able to evolve and grow so quickly, both as a technological platform and as a means of expanding the free flow of commerce and ideas.

 Another view is that further evolution is needed to keep pace with the spread of the Internet around the world, how the Internet is used today and that the various players need to work together to ensure its ongoing evolution[[49]](#footnote-57) [sources: [Saudi Arabia and Sudan](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0017/en), [Algeria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0021/en)[[50]](#footnote-58)]. Those holding this view state that, with regards to international Internet-related public policy, the role of one stakeholder –Governments – has not been allowed to evolve according to WSIS principles. They consider this to be one reason for ongoing challenges in dealing with various issues (e.g., exploitation of children, security, cyber-crime and spam, etc). Those with this view identify and raise issues associated with the flexibility, transparency and accountability of the current management structure and issues concerning, for example, the adequacy of the role of governments in ICANN through bodies such as the GAC (see Section 2.3.6).

1. Res. 102 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) recognized “§§ 71 and 78a) of the *Tunis Agenda* with regard to the establishment of enhanced cooperation on Internet governance and the establishment of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), as two distinct processes”. The IGF brings stakeholders together annually to host a dialogue on international Internet-related public policy issues.

 One topic of discussion[[51]](#footnote-59),[[52]](#footnote-60) concerning the implementation of the process of enhanced cooperation focuses on the role of different stakeholder groups. One view is that the “process towards enhanced co-operation involves all stakeholders in their respective roles, a recognition of the need for all stakeholders to recognize the ongoing roles of each stakeholder and for all to co-exist in an environment of mutual trusted co-operation”[source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[53]](#footnote-61)]. Another view is that there is a specific role for governments, as defined clearly inPara. 69 of the *Tunis Agend*a:“enhanced cooperation is needed to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet”,as well as in Para. 71:“the process towards enhanced cooperation will involve all stakeholders in their respective roles”[sources: [Saudi Arabia and Sudan](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0017/en), [Algeria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0021/en)[[54]](#footnote-62)].

One view is that participation of different stakeholder groups (especially civil society) could be improved in ITU forums discussing Internet-related public policy issues [sources: [Cisco](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0014/en), [ISOC](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0015/en)[[55]](#footnote-63)]. This has been a topic of active discussion at recent ITU conferences, assemblies and meetings. Detailed discussions on this topic were held as recently as in Council 2012 in the context of the modalities for open consultations by the CWG-Internet[[56]](#footnote-64).Under the WSIS principles, ITU Plenipotentiary Resolutions 101, 102 and 133 resolve “to explore ways and means for greater collaboration and coordination between ITU and relevant organizations\* involved in the development of IP-based networks and the future Internet, through cooperation agreements, as appropriate, in order to increase the role of ITU in Internet governance so as to ensure maximum benefits to the global community” (\* including, but not limited to, ICANN, RIRs, Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet Society (ISOC) and World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), on the basis of reciprocity)[[57]](#footnote-65).

1. ITU’s multistakeholder membership includes governments, regulators, industry, international organizations (intergovernmental and non-governmental), financial institutions and civil society[[58]](#footnote-66) — all participating in different capacities and in a wide range of ITU’s activities. ITU’s membership ranges from mobile and fixed phone operators to satellite companies, from equipment vendors to broadcasters and Internet Service Providers (ISPs). It also includes organizations focusing on access for people with disabilities, for example, or on emergency communications. ITU members also include various Internet-related organizations and academic institutions, including universities and research institutes focusing on ICTs.Indeed, non-profit institutions having an international character can request exemption from membership fees[[59]](#footnote-67).

 Another view is that a) Article 19 of the ITU Convention establishes condition of participation of Entities and Organizations Other than Administration in the Union’s Activities and Resolution 145 (Antalya 2006) provides further information on participation of Observers in conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union .Any participation must observe the conditions and criteria mentioned therein. b)Resolution 145( Antalya 2006) dealing with study on the participation of all relevant stakeholder in the activities of the Union related to the World Summit on the information society was abrogated by Plenipotentiary 2010 Guadalajara and c) civil society is not part of ITU membership thus how such entity can become members of the ITU. It should be noted that all civil society organizations of an international nature and which are working on issues related to ICTs areentitled and encouraged tojoin the ITU as members.

Furthermore *Comment*

 *There is no balance between the content and the extent to which the second view counter balance the first view.*

 However, under the direct instruction of the Council, there are exceptional cases in which the above mentioned rules could be relaxed under certain circumstances and strict necessities where the Council unanimously makes such relaxation between the two ordinary Plenipotentiary Conferences. However, such relaxation shall be reported to the subsequent Plenipotentiary to either modify Article 19 of the Convention and /or Resolution 145 (Antalya 2006) or instruct the Council to decide on the matter case by case.

 The WTPF IEG, which is open to all stakeholders outside ITU and is contributing to the preparation of this report in transparent and constructive manner, is another example of multistakeholder participation in the activity. However, there is a clear in balance between the number of Member State with respect to the number of Sector Members , attendance ,in particular those from Non –ITU members.

The World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) Resolution 3, “To foster an enabling environment for the greater growth of the Internet”[[60]](#footnote-69), reinforces ITU’s support for the involvement of various stakeholder groups in its multistakeholder fora. The Resolution instructs the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary steps for ITU to play an active and constructive role in the development of broadband and the multistakeholder model of the Internet as expressed in §35 of the Tunis Agenda. It therefore calls upon the Secretary-General to support the participation of Member States and all other stakeholders, as applicable, in the activities of ITU in this regard. It calls on Member States to engage with all their stakeholders to help them elaborate on their respective positions on international Internet-related technical, development and public-policy issues within the mandate of ITU at various ITU forums.

**Comments**

What are the usefulness of inclusion these diverging views in the Report.

What conclusion could be drawn from those views? It clearly confirm the polarization between Member States or the majority of Member States and other stakeholders which overriding the atmosphere of the meeting due to their numerous presence and their numerous contributions and/or intervention.

* + 1. **Internet Protocol (IP)-Based Networks and Management of Internet Resources**
1. Fixed and mobile broadband Internet are critical infrastructures in the growing global economy. As explained previously in section 2.3.1.j, the increased use of the Internet enhances the value of the network as a result of the “network effect” and Metcalfe’s Law and encourages additional development of applications, information services and content, due to the nature of the Internet and the ‘end-to-end principle’ siting intelligence at the edges allowing for the easy introduction of new applications [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[61]](#footnote-70)].Internet services are today widely used, although challenges regarding quality of service (QoS), uncertainty of origin for some applications, and high costs of international Internet connectivity(IIC) persist for many developing countries. Today, many countries are looking at promoting the development of national infrastructure with the creation of national IXPs and improving the environment for the growth of local content and applications (e.g. Kenya and Nigeria) [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[62]](#footnote-71)]. Most carriers endeavor to provide a satisfactory level of service to end-users [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[63]](#footnote-72)].
2. Thanks to innovation and investment, the Internet hasbecomea critical information infrastructure, a vital part of national and international infrastructures and an engine of growth in the twenty-first century. The Internet will continue to evolve and introduce new waystoacquire, produce, circulate and consume information.Encouraging competition,thereby providing high-speed Internet at low prices, will continue changing the way we produce and sell products and services for the benefit of all people [source: [ISOC Bulgaria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0037/en)[[64]](#footnote-73)].
3. On the basis of such growth, demands are now growing on the existing Internet infrastructure. One view is that the underlying technical architecture of the present Internet may not have been designed for, and hence may not be sufficiently robust, to support some new classes of applications and services.Security, identity management and multilingualism are commonly cited examples[[65]](#footnote-74). Another view is that the current architecture has allowed astonishing levels of innovation and growth with, in particular, massive uptake of video traffic and multi-user applications [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[66]](#footnote-75)]. Opinions differ as to how well current infrastructure maybe able to continue to evolve and grow to cope with growth in demand.
4. The high costs of the circuits for IIC between Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the Internet backbone networks remains a persistentproblem for these countries[[67]](#footnote-76). An enabling and competitive environment must be in place to allow for availability of affordable bandwidth for cross-border and in-country interconnection, as well as to enable ISPs to make commercial arrangements for peering or transit [source: [Cisco](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0014/en)[[68]](#footnote-77)].Para. 50 of the *Tunis Agenda* (2005) acknowledged there areconcerns, particularly amongst developing countries, that the charges for IIC should be considerably reduced and fairly balanced to enhance access.Itcalled for the development of strategies for increasing affordable global connectivity, thereby facilitating improved and equitable access for all, by:
5. Promoting Internet transit and interconnection costs that are commercially negotiated in a competitive environment and that should be oriented towards objective, transparent and non-discriminatory parameters, taking into account ongoing work on this subject.
6. Setting up regional high-speed Internet backbone networks and the creation of national, sub-regional and regional IXPs.[[69]](#footnote-78)
7. Recommending donor programmes and developmental financing mechanisms to consider the need to provide funding for initiatives that advance connectivity, IXPs and local content for developing countries.
8. Encouraging ITU and other relevant institutions to continue the study of the question of IIC as a matter of urgency, and to periodically provide outputs for consideration and possible implementation.
9. Promoting the development and growth of low-cost terminal equipment, such as individual and collective user devices, especially for use in developing countries.
10. Encouraging ISPs and other parties in the commercial negotiations to adopt practices towards attainment of fair and balanced interconnectivity costs.
11. Encouraging relevant parties to commercially negotiate reduced interconnection costs for LDCs, taking into account the special constraints of LDCs.
12. Rates for IIC have been studied in ITU-T Study Group 3 with several recommendations[[70]](#footnote-79)having been made on methods to reduce connectivity rates. WCIT Resolution 5[[71]](#footnote-80) - on “International telecommunication service traffic termination and exchange” - invites concerned Members States to collaborate so that their regulatory frameworks promote the establishment of commercial agreements between authorized operating agencies and the providers of international services in alignment with principles of fair competition and innovation. The Resolution also instruct the TSB Director totake necessary action in order thatITU-T Study Group 3 study recent developments and practices with regard to the termination and exchange of international telecommunication traffic under commercial agreements, so as to develop a Recommendation, if appropriate, and guidelines for concerned Member States, for the use of providers of international telecommunication services in regard to issues they consider relevant.
13. ITU Member States and the ITU needs to seriously consider which policy environments and strategies can facilitate the growth of networks and reduction in connectivity rates, including IXPs (both at a local and regional level). The need for IIC can be reduced through the development of local/ national/regional networks. Content hosted within a country rather than abroad, will reduce demand for international connectivity. Hosting local content closer to the users may also reduce latency, improve user experience, and increase demand for Internet connectivity [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0023/en)[[72]](#footnote-81)].
14. With the move from traditional networks (based on dedicated service-channels and/or separate networks for each service) to integrated (transport) services on a single packet-based transport infrastructure, maintaining pre-defined transmission planning of Quality of Service (QoS)[[73]](#footnote-82)presents a challenge, since many IP-based networks might not provide for self-standing end-to-end QoS, but only transport classes, which enable QoS differentiation.
15. An IP-based network can support end-to-end QoS, if its routerssupport the appropriate mechanisms and the network is designed for QoS.
16. Due to the dramatic increase in mobile communications (both in terms of the number of registered devices and of the volume and transmission of requested resources), some have cautioned that migration scenarios and hybrid connections with existing wirelineand traditional networks and terminals may be neglected and it may become increasingly difficult for network operators to establish, implement or maintaincertain QoS standards[[74]](#footnote-85).
17. One view is that the importance of standardization is suchthat the quality of service of telecommunications/ICTs should be in line with international standards. It is in the public interest that IP-based networks and other telecommunication networks be both interoperable and provide, at a minimum, the level of QoS provided by traditional networks[[75]](#footnote-86). Another view is that any attempt to mandate traditional QoS in a packet switching Internet will significantly increase costs; a likely consequence of this could be to price LDCs out of the Internet and to reduce participation rates in developed and developing countries [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[76]](#footnote-87)]. IP-based networks can support end-to-end QoS if the routers in between support the mechanisms and the network is designed for QoS [source: Discussion of Ad Hoc Group at first IEG meeting[[77]](#footnote-88),[Saudi Arabia and Sudan](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0017/en)[[78]](#footnote-89)].
18. One view is that the present situation of the wide penetration of Over The Top (OTT) services[[79]](#footnote-90) over operators’ networks and their impact on operators’ services, may require ITU to consider management of QoS for OTT services which are carried over the Internet [source: [Russia](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0010/en)[[80]](#footnote-91)]. Specifically on OTT, some have stated that OTT is outside the scope of the ITU and that management of QoS for applications that run over the Internet are the core mandate of other organizations, except where these organizations should work with the ITU-T for those areas within the ITU-T’s mandate [sources: [Cisco](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0014/en),[UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[81]](#footnote-92)]. Another view is that “telecommunications services, whether or not carried over the Internet, are within the mandate of ITU”[sources: [Saudi Arabia and Sudan](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0017/en)[[82]](#footnote-93)].ITU’s mandate is defined by its membership and ITU-T’s standardization work is driven by membership contributions.
19. As a natural consequence of today’s environment, from a commercial perspective, there is a growing discrepancy between the growth in traffic (requiring corresponding significant growth in investment in telecommunication infrastructure) and trends in pricing and revenues (Figure 2). One view is that the mismatch between trends in traffic growth, pricing and revenuesposes a challenge to network operators[[83]](#footnote-94). Another view is that investment in new capacity is keeping up the growth in traffic [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[84]](#footnote-95)].

**Figure 2: Trends in pricing and revenues[[85]](#footnote-96)**



1. Figure 2 does not show cost data. One view is that it is normal for prices to fall, if costs were falling, and indeed there is reason to believe that operating costs are falling (but data on operating costs are hard to obtain). Another view is that capital expenses (which contribute to overall costs) will rise significantly and that consequently the current billing paradigm for Internet services should be revisited[[86]](#footnote-97).
2. IP-based networks have evolved into a widely accessible and flexible medium used for commerce and communication. Resolution 101 (rev. Guadalajara, 2010) recognizesa need to identify the global activities related to IP-based networks with respect to, for example:
	* 1. infrastructure, interoperability and standardization;
		2. Internet naming and addressing;
		3. dissemination of information about IP-based networks and the implications of their development for ITU Member States, particularly among developing countries.

**Comment**

Please kindly refer to comments made in relation of the appropriateness and relevance as well as the coherence of all these materials as outlined in other part of this document.

**2.3.3.1 Infrastructure, interoperability and standardization[[87]](#footnote-98)**

1. Internet-related applications are carried overboth publicly and privately-ownedtelecommunication infrastructure (wired and/or wireless)[[88]](#footnote-99).
2. Convergence of ICT technology is making IP a key protocol for services provided over modern telecommunication networks[[89]](#footnote-100), and IP is also playing an increasing role in underpinning infrastructure.
3. There have been calls for bold new initiatives to continue to expand the flexibility and capabilities of the Internet beyond incremental improvements to its deployed capabilities[[90]](#footnote-101). Further research and development and innovation in the fundamental design of the Internet (including architecture, protocols, interfaces and services) is taking place (through both government-funded and private sector research) and may need to be encouraged further.
4. Given the depth to which the Internet is today embedded in the socio-economic fabric of many societies, any evolutionary approach to building the future Internet should strive to ensure full interoperability with the existing one to minimize disruption.
5. Research and standardization play an important role in ensuring this interoperability, while facilitatingthe continuous development of the Internet and its capabilities[[91]](#footnote-102). Significant work and research on IP-related issues and the future Internet is being conducted by many entities at the national, regional and international levels.Some examples include: ITU; the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF); US National Science Foundation (NSF) projects, including the Global Environment for Network Innovations (GENI) and Future Internet Design (FIND) projects; Japan’s NeW Generation Network (NWGN) research and development initiative, including the Akari project by Japan’s National Institute of ICT (NICT); and the European Union’s Future Internet Research & Experimentation (FIRE) initiative.

**Comments**

Are we serious that Internet is part of telecommunication infrastructure (wired and/or wireless? At recent WCIT-12, Internet was considered as a “Holly Word “and no one was allowed to pronounce it loudly otherwise the action could have had a severe consequences?

**2.3.3.2 Internet Naming and Addressing**

1. Every device connected to the Internet is identified by an IP address used to route data packets globally across the Internet. IP addresses are a finite resource. The currentimplementation, IP version 4 or ‘IPv4’, was deployed on 1 January 1983 and uses 32 bits to represent addresses, generating a theoretical total limit of 232 (4 billion addresses). It is still the most widely used today. While IPv4 limits unique IP addresses to approximately 4 billion devices, this does not establish the upper bound of devices that may connect to the Internet using IPv4. Rather, there is no static upper bound considering most devices connect to the Internet through private networks that assign IP addresses dynamically using protocols like DHCP[[92]](#footnote-103) [source: [PayPal](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0039/en)[[93]](#footnote-104)].
2. The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)[[94]](#footnote-105)is a set of technical functions that include the allocation of IP addresses from the global pool of unallocated addresses to the RIRs, according to their needs.Another key IANA role is the reservation of IP addresses for specific technical purposes, which is carried outfollowing the direction of the IETF. Examples include Multicast assignments, transition tunnelling technologies and private use addresses.
3. The continued rapid growth of the number of devices connected to the Internet led to the exhaustion of the IANA managed global pool of IPv4 addresses.In anticipation of this exhaustion, in 1998 the IETF developed a new version -IPv6[[95]](#footnote-106) - which provides a greatly expanded address space since it uses 128 bits to represent addresses (generating a new limit of 2128 addresses, equivalent to some 340 undecillion). IANA began allocating blocks of IPv6 addresses in 1999[[96]](#footnote-107),[[97]](#footnote-108). In February 2011, IANA assigned the last five remaining free blocks of IPv4 addresses to the five RIRs and IANA’s global IPv4 pool was exhausted.
4. The smooth migration from IPv4 to IPv6 represents a key global issue, the fundamental crux of which is that IPv6 and IPv4 are not compatible at Layer 3. The same infrastructure, equipment, etc. can be used for IPv6, but a modified Layer 3 stack must be deployed that supports both protocols: IPv4 and IPv6 [source: Discussion of the Ad Hoc Groupat first IEG meeting[[98]](#footnote-109)]. In addition, some applications (that use IP address literals) must be modified. IPv6 implementation has been picking up relatively significantly in recent years [sources: ARIN, [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0019/en)[[99]](#footnote-110)],[[100]](#footnote-111), butabsolute statistics show that IPv6 deployment is still low[[101]](#footnote-112) [source: [Algeria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0021/en)[[102]](#footnote-113)] and more could be done to encourage the deployment and smooth migration to IPv6. According to some, thedeployment of IPv6 should become a clearly-stated priority objective for national policy-makers and all stakeholders to enhance the pace of IPv6 deployment[[103]](#footnote-114). The WTSA 2008, WTDC-2010, and Plenipotentiary 2010 resulted in Resolutions related to IP addressing that stressed the need for human capacity development and training with respect to IPv6 address deployment.
5. One view is that the approach that new IPv6 allocation policies could be similar to IPv4 policies, on a “first come, first serve” basis with ‘demonstrated’ need. However, another view is that this may represent a cause for concern[[104]](#footnote-115). Another view is that this policy has led to the occupancy of a substantial amount of the finite IP addresses in the IPv4 address space and may work against late entrants, especially developing countries. Third view is that IPv6 address space is virtually inexhaustible, and that this quasi-inexhaustibility of the IPv6 space means that any past issuesregarding imbalances [sources: ARIN, [Cisco](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0014/en)[[105]](#footnote-116)] would be avoided in the future and therefore the current allocation policies of the RIRs are feasible for IPv6. Those with this view note that IPv6 address policies apply from the beginning, whilst IPv4 policies have developed retrospectively [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0023/en)[[106]](#footnote-117)]. The [2005 report of WSIS-Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG)](http://www.itu.int/wsis/wgig/docs/wgig-background-report.pdf) acknowledged that “the current numbering management is required to ensure equitable distribution of resources and access for all into the future”.
6. What does it mean “The current numbering management is required “Does it mean that all those anxiety and concerns should be neglected?

Furthermore, now that IANA and APNIC have exhausted their IPv4 free pools (in February and April 2011, respectively), for thecurrent migration to IPv6, ISPs using IPv6 still need to use IPv4 in order to be able to access large amounts of content[[107]](#footnote-118) and users[[108]](#footnote-119) that are still IPv4-only (and might likely remain so for several yearsahead).The availability (or lack thereof) of IPv4 addresses is a factor which therefore continues to be relevant today. Another view is that quantities of IPv4 space remain and inter-regional transfer policies will help mitigate potential shortages until a more complete transition to IPv6 can be accomplished [source: [PayPal](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0039/en)[[109]](#footnote-120)]. Special policies have gone into effect to secure blocks of IPv4 addresses for the new networks over the long-term [sources: [Cisco](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0014/en), [ISOC](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0015/en), ARIN [[110]](#footnote-121)] to allow new networks to access both the IPv4 and IPv6 Internets,untilIPv6 reaches its full deployment. **Comments**

What are these special policies? Who is implementing that? What is the feedback from its use? Is it not only a simple declaration?

1. The exhaustion of IPv4 address and migration to IPv6 have led to suggestions that the governance structure of IP addresses needs to be reformed for improvement. One view is that any reform should come from within the existing structures and processes [source: UK [[111]](#footnote-122)][[112]](#footnote-123),[[113]](#footnote-124). Another view is that this might not be sufficient and that greater reforms may be needed [source: [Algeria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0021/en)[[114]](#footnote-125)][[115]](#footnote-126),[[116]](#footnote-127).
2. Specifically on the issue of IPv6 address allocation, the ITU’s IPv6 Group, formed by ITU Council under the Directors of the ITU Development and Standardization Bureaux, concluded “that current IPv6 allocation policies and processes met the needs of stakeholders”[[117]](#footnote-128).

**Comments**

There are doubts about such conclusion. Even about the fact that the subject Group has terminated its tasks or it was an auto declaration of terminating its tasks under the circumstances prevailed.

1. One view recommend organizing rational usages of IPv6 addresses in all regions within further ITU function of the IPv6 allocation [sources: [Russia](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0010/en), [Algeria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0021/en)[[118]](#footnote-129)], while another view is that present IPv6 allocation mechanisms and existing Regional Internet Registry processes are adequate and that the key objective should be identifying ways to spur IPv6 adoption by relevant stakeholders [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[119]](#footnote-130)].
2. As the Internet evolves, the potential for abuse of Internet resources grows. In response to some routing failures and international calls for enhanced security, changes are underway in Internet routing and addressing policy to incorporate new measures for secure authentication.

**Comments**

What are these enhanced measures to respond to the raised difficulties?

1. Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI)[[120]](#footnote-131) is a security technology that would create a hierarchy of digital certificates which would be used to authenticate the information associated with allocated addresses[[121]](#footnote-132). These certificates could be used by ISPs to secure their route announcements in order to improve the security of the global routing system.
2. RPKI enables users of public networks, such as the Internet, to verify the authenticity of registration data of Internet Numbering Resources (INR) that has been digitally signed by the originator of the data. In other words, RPKI provides a secure means to certify the allocation of Internet number resources, particularly Autonomous System (AS) numbers and IP addresses. The certificate structure mirrors the way in which INR are distributed – resources are distributed by IANA to the RIRs, who allocate them to Local Internet Registries (LIRs), who then assign the resources to their customers. Each RIR has its RPKI guidelines and process posted on its website [source: ISOC[[122]](#footnote-133)].
3. One view is that such a rigid global hierarchy could converge on a single trust anchor and that “if RPKI is used there are concerns that could affect the growth, freedom and democratic process that the Internet currently enjoys”[sources: Nav6, University Sains Malaysia[[123]](#footnote-134)]. The Syracuse University-based Internet Governance Project states that[[124]](#footnote-135) :

*“The critical feature of the proposed RPKI solution is the attempt to link resource certificates to the authoritative sources of Internet resources, namely ICANN and the RIRs. This could fundamentally change their governance role”.*

1. Another view is that while RPKI is a good tool to provide others with authentication, it is optional for network operators to decide whether they wish to use it [sources: [ARIN](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0012/en), [ISOC](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0015/en)[[125]](#footnote-136)].

**Comments**

The catastrophic issue is that  some country , exercises  major  control over a vital area of Internet governance  improperly and misleadingly claims that the broaden intergovernmental participation in the governance of Internet would  result in handing  over the key issues to  other countries to have any role in the governance of the Internet .

The question is that requiring  that  service providers to block access to certain websites, very much contrary to official positions  claimed by  some country on censorship and internet freedom, is  almost certainly in contradiction with  transparency,   openness, and democratic functioning of Internet.

**2.3.3.3 Dissemination of information aboutIP-based networks and the implications of their development for ITU Member States, particularly developing countries**

1. Providing open and equitable access to information about critical Internet resources by enabling the adaptation of adequate national and/or regional policy processes, specifically for IP-based networks – including the transition from IPv4 and migration to/deployment of IPv6, domain names and their internationalized versions – and ensuring that countries improve awareness of issues pertaining to Internet-related public policy, including Internet governance, are key issues for all stakeholders, including ITU Member States[[126]](#footnote-137).
2. With the ever-increasing migration to all-IP based networks and the evolution of the current Internet governance arrangements, many developing countries have realized the need to build national capacity and improve their contribution and involvement in the management and effective governance of the Internet[[127]](#footnote-138).
3. Resolutions from WTSA-08, WTDC-10 , and PP-10 all point to the importance of coordination and collaboration with respect to human capacity development and training with respect to the deployment of IPv6 addresses and the transition from IPv4 to IPv6.
4. Participants from developingcountries and LDCscould bedisadvantaged by the significant costs and human capacity requirements associated with participation in various global fora where Internet-related technical and public policy issues are discussed[[128]](#footnote-139). This has often been highlighted as a barrier to equitable access to participation in the open global decision-making process on Internet-related matters.
5. To enable participants from developing countriesand LDCs to participate in various global fora where Internet-related technical and public policy issues are discussed, a range of capacity building programmes are being developed, including the use of remote participation, accommodative participatory policies, travel fellowships,and electronic working methods. These initiatives should be encouraged, regularly assessed and reviewed in order to facilitate equitable access to participation in the open global decision-making process on Internet-related matters.

**Comments**

There is a need to provide information on the volume and degree of remote participation from developing and leased developed countries, in particular, the availably of reliable telecommunication facilities to achieve that objective.

1. Relevant international organizations recognize the importance of enabling wide stakeholder involvement in their processes [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[129]](#footnote-140)]. Examples of international organizations with initiatives to promote remote participation include ccNSO [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[130]](#footnote-141)], IETF and ISOC [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[131]](#footnote-142)] and ITU. (Comments there is a need to further explore the situation in the ITU).

**2.3.4 International public policy issues and the management of Internet resources**

**2.3.4.1 generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) under the DNS**

1. The DNS specifies a hierarchical structure of the delegation authorities in domain naming. As read from right to left, the DNS hierarchy is divided into Top-Level Domains (TLDs), Second-Level Domains (SLDs), and so on. For example, in the ITU web address [www.itu.int](http://www.itu.int), the TLD is “.int” and the SLD is “itu”. TLDs are generally categorized in two different groups: namely, generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) and country code Top Level Domains (ccTLDs)[[132]](#footnote-143).
2. Originally, there was one gTLD called .arpa, and seven more gTLDs (.com, .org, .net, .gov, .edu,

 .mil and .int) were subsequently added. Following growth in the demand for more gTLDs, several gTLDs (i.e., .biz, .info, .aero, .coop, and .post) have been added to the DNS. Historically, a new gTLD was added to the DNS based on proposals solicited by ICANN during specific application periods, in 2000 and 2003[[133]](#footnote-144). Currently, there are 22 functional gTLDs[[134]](#footnote-145).

1. ENUM defines a method for entering Recommendation E.164 country codes into the Internet DNS. A specific zone under the .arpa gTLD, namely "e164.arpa", has been allocated for use with ENUM E.164 numbers.Res. 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) states that the existing role and sovereignty of ITU Member States is recognized with respect to allocation and management of their Country Code Numbering resources, as defined in Recommendation ITU-T E.164[[135]](#footnote-146).
2. In 2005, ICANN initiated a process to develop the policies and procedures necessary to introduce an unlimited number of new gTLDs. In June 2008, ICANN announced its new gTLD expansion policy, under which any public or private-sector entity could apply to create and operate a new gTLD. ICANN clarifies that applying for a new gTLD is not the same as buying a SLD on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Applicants for a new gTLD would operate a registry business for a new gTLD based on the applicant’s technical and business capability and a commitment to implement ICANN’s policies effectively. After more than three years of preparation and consultation, the ICANN Board of Directors approved the rules for the new gTLD program in June 2011 [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[136]](#footnote-147)], and ICANN initiated the first round of the new gTLDs application which opened on 12 January 2012 and closed on 30 May 2012. Each gTLD applied-for string requires an online application via ICANN’s online application system and an evaluation fee of US$ 185,000 per application to cover the cost of the evaluation process.
3. Expansion of the new gTLD space is expected to provide a platform for city, geographic, and internationalized domain names, among other possible top-level domain strings, and intended to allow new TLD operators to create and provide content in native languages and scripts, otherwise known as Internationalized Domain Name (IDNs), in addition to new gTLDs in ASCII or Latin scripts [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[137]](#footnote-148)]. Another view is that expansion of the domain name system could, for example, allow businesses to identify themselves by sector or by their community [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[138]](#footnote-149)].
4. Concerns have been raised about the magnitude and scale of gTLD expansion, transparency in the cost evaluation used in the determination of registry fees[[139]](#footnote-150), and risks to public interest, business and consumer protections[[140]](#footnote-151). According to the ICANN’s New gTLDs Applicant Guidebook, there is no upper limit on the number of applications for new gTLDs; however, ICANN has committed to no more than 1,000 new gTLDs being entered into the root per year in accordance with the results of root zone scaling feasibility studies[[141]](#footnote-152) [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[142]](#footnote-153)].
5. There has also been discussion regarding new gTLDs impact on competition in the market for gTLDs. For example, one view is that there is a risk of creating a multitude of monopolies in the new gTLDs[[143]](#footnote-154), especially associated with the cross ownership issues for registries and registrars[[144]](#footnote-155), while another view is that the new gTLDs represent a substantial step toward increasing competition in the domain name market[[145]](#footnote-156).A further potential concern is that the current arrangement regarding the DNS might result in insufficient competition in the domain name marketplace in general[[146]](#footnote-157). ICANN conducted two studies prior to the launch of the new gTLD program, which noted that metrics associated with the first round of gTLDs will yield important information regarding competition and other economic factors[[147]](#footnote-158)[source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[148]](#footnote-159)].
6. There are also concerns about the impact of multiple new gTLDs on trademark holders or rights holders, especially those in developing countries, who might be compelled to assume high costs of addressing the possible proliferation of cyber-squatters inhabiting an unlimited number of new gTLDs[[149]](#footnote-160). For example, since the domain name is generally used in the URL for the website for a company or organization, there are more possibilities that trademark abusers could use new gTLDs with trademark protected names or look-alike names that may lead users/consumers to spoofed websites (“phishing”) or to rival company websites (“free riders”).It may thus be necessary for “www.A.com” registrant to register the same domain name in all other gTLDs, such as “A.info”, “A.biz”, “A.mobi”, and “A.(all other new gTLDs)” to protect the trademarked name of “A”. With the proposed simultaneous roll-out of multilingual (IDN) gTLDs, one view is that applicants may find themselves having to pay several multiples of the application fees for multiple domain names in different languages, which might result in a significant financial burden, especially for applicants from developing countries[[150]](#footnote-161).
7. ICANN’s Applicant Guidebook contains new rights protections mechanisms to address some of these concerns[[151]](#footnote-162) [source: U.S.[[152]](#footnote-163)],such as a trademark clearing house and a uniform rapid suspension system to resolve disputes as they arise. However, somecontend that various policy challenges persist[[153]](#footnote-164). The protection against the possible misleading use of the names and acronyms of inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) has been cited as one example, with ongoing discussions about how to respond to this. Within ICANN, it has been acknowledged that the rights of governments or public authorities in relation to the rights of the sovereign state or territory which they represent cannot be limited or made conditional by any procedures that ICANN introduces for new gTLDs, and as such, ICANN should avoid country, territory or place names, and country, territory or regional language or people descriptions, unless in agreement with the relevant governments or public authorities[[154]](#footnote-165).
8. Acknowledging concerns relating to competition, consumer protection, security, and trademarks, following the first round of the new gTLD applications, ICANN has committed to organize a review that will examine the extent to which the introduction or expansion of gTLDs has promoted competition, consumer trust and consumer choice, as well as the effect of (a) the application and evaluation process, and (b) safeguards put in place to mitigate issues involved in the introduction or expansion[[155]](#footnote-166). ICANN plans to organize a further review of its execution of the above commitments two years after the first review, which will be performed by volunteer community members and the review team, whose composition will be agreed jointly by the GAC Chair and the CEO of ICANN[[156]](#footnote-167). These reviews couldprovide the international multi-stakeholder community, including governments, with an opportunity to comment on and make improvements to the new gTLD program[[157]](#footnote-168) [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[158]](#footnote-169)].

**2.3.4.2 country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs) under the DNS**

1. The *WSIS Plan of Action* (2003) invites “Governments to manage or supervise, as appropriate, their respective country code top-level domain name”. Any such involvement should be based on appropriate national laws and policies. It is recommended that governments should work with their local stakeholders in deciding on how to work with the ccTLD Registry [source: [Ad Hoc Group, second IEG meeting](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0040/en)[[159]](#footnote-170)].
2. As stated in the GAC Principles and Guidelines for the Delegation and Administration of country code Top-Level Domains, ccTLD policy should be set locally, unless it can be shown that the issue has global impact and needs to be resolved in an international framework. Most of the ccTLD policy issues are local in nature and should therefore be addressed by the local stakeholder groups according to national law [source: [Ad Hoc Group, second IEG meeting](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0040/en)[[160]](#footnote-171)].
3. A ccTLD is generally used or reserved for a country, territory or area of geographical interest. Its subdivisions are identified in ISO 3166-1 standard[[161]](#footnote-172) and represented by two US-ASCII characters. The two letters chosen for each ccTLD are taken directly from the ISO 3166-1 list or the list of reserved Alpha-2 code elements defined by the ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency.
4. IANA is responsible for the delegation or re-delegation of an appropriate trustee for each ccTLD, but it has no responsibility over the entries on the ISO 3166-1 list. From the list of ccTLDs, the authority over each ccTLD is delegated to a trustee responsible for the policies and operation of the domain.
5. Since ccTLDs are based on a “territory” set, debates over ccTLD often focus on the relationship between a TLD string and a “territory” (per the ISO 3166-1 list). More specifically, questions could arise as to whether a TLD string exactly matches with the territory in the ISO 3166-1 list, whether the ccTLD easily represents the name of the territory, how many ccTLDs are possible for one listed territory, and so on[[162]](#footnote-173).For example, from the beginning the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland used the exceptionally reserved code “UK” from the ISO 3166-1 decoding table for its ccTLD, instead of the primary code “GB.” The UK government still holds the delegation for .gb, which cannot be allocated to any other country. Furthermore“.ax” for *Åland Islands* has been reserved on request of Finland and “.fx” for France, Metropolitan has been reserved on request of France[[163]](#footnote-174).
6. The delegation or re-delegation of a ccTLD is a process comprising several stages, with many different players involved in the process. It starts with[[164]](#footnote-175), [[165]](#footnote-176):
7. a proposed new operator who is an applicant for a name in a ccTLD; and
8. the existing operator who confirms the change is appropriate, in the case of a re-delegation request.
9. in many cases, a national Government associated with the ccTLD is asked to verify that the re-delegation is supported as the sponsoring organization.
10. those parties served by the ccTLD are asked to show that they support the request and that it meets the interests and needs of the local Internet community.
11. the IANA functions as the coordinator and analyzes the request, including investigating the details of the request, preparing a recommendation for the ICANN Board, and implementing the request if it is approved.
12. The ICANN Board of Directors considers the IANA recommendation and votes on whether the request should move forward.
13. Finally, the U.S. Government evaluates a report on the request prepared by IANA.
14. The socio-economic potential of a ccTLD has become more widely acknowledged. Meanwhile, a steady flow of ccTLD re-delegation requests has been observed [source: UK [[166]](#footnote-177)]. Some note that some issues have arisen with regard to the national authority to delegate and administer the ccTLDs[[167]](#footnote-178). In fact, some governments have sought assistance from the United Nations system to reclaim their own ccTLDs or tried to use national legislation to reclaim ccTLDs from incumbent ccTLD managers. As an example, the application for re-delegation of “.so” ccTLD was accepted by the ICANN Board in February 2009. The “.so” TLD is designated in the ISO 3166-1 standard for Somalia, but the initial delegation of the .so TLD was performed in 1997 to World Class Domains, which is a US-based company. The application for re-delegation of .so TLD was put forward by ITU, and the .so TLD was re-delegated to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia in 2009[[168]](#footnote-179).
15. As articulated in the *Tunis Agenda*, Member States represent the interests of the population of the country or territory for which a ccTLD has been delegated[[169]](#footnote-180). Para 63 of the *Tunis Agenda* states that countries should not be involved in decisions regarding another country’s ccTLD and that “their legitimate interests, as expressed and defined by each country, in diverse ways, regarding decisions affecting their ccTLDs, need to be respected, upheld and addressed via a flexible and improved framework and mechanisms”.

**2.3.4.3 Security of the DNS**

1. The DNS, the Internet's addressing system, was not originally designed with security in mind.  As a result, there are security flaws that make it vulnerable to threats such as, for example,man-in-the-middle attacks (a malicious third party could intercept a query, send a fake response and redirect the user to their own site) and cache poisoning (the introduction of fake DNS data into the cache stored in DNS name servers). These could be exploited to redirect internet traffic to fraudulent sites and unintended addresses, enabling identity theft and phishing, eavesdropping communications, providing misleading information or planting malicious software [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[170]](#footnote-181)]. Such attacks threaten users’ ‘trust’ of the Internet.
2. Some applications and services can be provided with only limited regard to security, while others require trust frameworks and security mechanisms not present in the basic Internet Protocols. A broad class of applications and services employ trusted certificates (ITU-T X.509) to establish their identities when communicating over secure channels such as Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)[[171]](#footnote-182) and Transport Layer Security (TLS)[[172]](#footnote-183), although some issues have arisen with the use of security certificates (source: [PayPal](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0039/en)[[173]](#footnote-184)). There have been calls for better standards, best practices, and operating procedures in this regard. Trust in the certificate ecosystem requires trust in all part of the system with the strength of the trust limited to the weakest link in the chain. Given their central position in the security structure of the Internet, certificates, and in particular their issuance, require international collaboration and cooperation to ensure that those issuing them adhere to the highest standards and operate according to agreed principles and norms.
3. A set of Security Extensions to the DNS, known as DNSSEC, have been developed[[174]](#footnote-185) to provide origin authentication and validation of integrity of DNS data to DNS clients – a mechanism that provides an added layer of assurance that a responding entity (name server) really is what it purports to be.
4. DNSSEC facilitates the provision of cryptographic signatures which allow relying parties to verify that DNS responses are authentic. The resolution process ensures the “origin authentication of DNS data” by establishing an unbroken “chain of trust”. The key characteristic of this chain of trust is that each parent zone vouches for its child. If any part of the authentication chain breaks due to a response from an unrecognized entity, then the resolution of that address is not achieved.
5. For the “chain of trust” in DNSSEC to work, it needs a single origin of trust (at the root) i.e., a trust anchor that the users can have faith in and from where the trust chain can be built.This requires the creation, use, and management of cryptographic keys. The U.S. Department of Commerce has identified that the maintenance of the root cryptographic keys be split between the current root zone management partners, which are the IANA functions operator (ICANN) and the Root Zone Maintainer (VeriSign). Namely, ICANN is responsible for the management of the Key Signing Key (KSK) and VeriSign (a private organization) is responsible for the Zone Signing Key (ZSK). The KSK is the mainstay key that is required to periodically sign the ZSK that then signs the root zone. ICANN is also responsible for the publication of the trust anchor [source:[U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[175]](#footnote-186)].
6. While some are concerned about this arrangement supporting this critical function[[176]](#footnote-187),[[177]](#footnote-188),[[178]](#footnote-189), some others have expressed confidence in the arrangement and processes in place stating that the US National Telecommunications Industry Association (NTIA), ICANN and VeriSign have liaised with the naming and security communities to make the processes “transparent, independently audited and effective”[sources: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en), [ISOC](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0015/en)[[179]](#footnote-190)]. Those with this view note thatICANN relies on direct global stakeholder involvement in KSK management, utilizing twenty one “Trusted Community Representatives” (TCRs). The TCRs are experts from 17 geographically dispersed countries who play a key role in the root key generation, back-up, and signing process to ensure neutrality, transparency, and security [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[180]](#footnote-191)].

**2.3.5. Role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names**[[181]](#footnote-192)

1. Resolution 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) recognized the following with respect to the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names:
	1. The *Tunis Agenda for the Information Society* adopted by the WSIS made a commitment to advance the process for the introduction of multilingualism in a number of areas, including domain names, e-mail, Internet addresses and keyword look-up.
	2. There is a need to promote regional root servers (see section 2.3.5.2) and the use of internationalized domain names in order to overcome linguistic barriers to Internet access
	3. Considering the continuing progress towards the integration of telecommunications and the Internet, and the fact that that Internet users are generally more comfortable reading or browsing texts in their own language, for the Internet to become more widely available to a large number of users, it is necessary to make the Internet (DNS system) available in non-Latin based scripts, taking into account the progress recently made in this regard.
	4. Recalling the outcomes of WSIS, there should be a commitment to working earnestly towards multilingualization of the Internet, as part of a multilateral, transparent and democratic process, involving governments and all stakeholders, in their respective roles.
	5. The current domain name system does not fully reflect the diverse and growing language needs of all users.
	6. Internationalized Internet domain names, and more generally ICTs and the Internet, must be widely accessible to all citizens without regard to gender, race, religion, country of residence or language.
	7. Internet domain names should not privilege any country or region of the world to the detriment of others, and should take into account the global diversity of languages.
	8. Recalling the results of WSIS and the needs of linguistic groups, there is an urgent need to:
		* advance the process for the introduction of multilingualism in a number of areas, including domain names, e-mail addresses and keyword look-up.
		* implement programmes that allow for the presence of multilingual domain names and content on the Internet and the use of various software models in order to fight against the linguistic digital divide and to ensure that everyone can participate in the emerging new society.
		* strengthen cooperation between relevant bodies for the further development of technical standards and to foster their global deployment.
	9. There are a number of challenges with regard to intellectual property and the deployment of internationalized domain names, and adequate solutions should be explored.
	10. The roles played by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (with regard to dispute resolution for domain names), and by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (with regard to promoting cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content) are recognized. It is also recognized that ITU enjoys close cooperation with both WIPO and UNESCO.
	11. It is paramount to maintain global interoperability as domain names expand to include non-Latin character sets.
2. While the need for and importance of a multilingual Internet is universally accepted, there is some divergence on the current status of the urgency of the need to advance the process towards multilingualism and to implement programmes in this regard. One view is that the introduction of Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) under DNS (see section 2.3.5.1) has progressed considerably under the current process established by ICANN and therefore, the previously acknowledged urgency of need is being met by the current process [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[182]](#footnote-193)]. Another view is that although IDNs are possible, more work remains to be done with respect to keyword look-up. Those holding this view also point out that the current IDN implementation is “effectively a patch on an ASCII-based system and that the DNS will properly reflect multilingualism when support is native to the system” [sources: [Saudi Arabia and Sudan](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0017/en), [Algeria](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0021/en)[[183]](#footnote-194)].The IDN implementation embodied by RFCs 5890, 5891, 5892, 5893, 5894 and Informational RFCs 3743, 4185, 4690 that build on the Unicode (ISO/IEC 10646) series of standards is in essence a patch[[184]](#footnote-195). However, others contend that this is not a patch on the ASCII domain name system (just as IPv6 and DNSSEC are not patches), and that is not possible to have 'native' support for IDNs without confusing name servers, resolvers and clients, and that any script can be supported and can be encoded to fit in an ASCII domain name, as there are no real restrictions [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[185]](#footnote-196)].
3. Current efforts are focused on developing standards, technologies, and practices that enable the Internet to support interoperable IDNs without breaking or interrupting root servers and their mirrors, other DNS resolvers, and application-level services [source: [PayPal](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0039/en)[[186]](#footnote-197)].
	* + 1. **Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) under the DNS**
4. Historically, the DNS root zone was limited to a set of characters conforming to US-ASCII or the Latin alphabets. This changed with the introduction of IDNs, which introduced TLDs in different scripts (e.g., characters in Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic or Korean), which enables Internet users to access domain names in their own languages.
5. The process to advance the introduction of multilingualism in the DNS through IDNs has progressed considerably since 2010. Approval of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process by the ICANN Board at its annual meeting in Seoul, South Korea in October 2009, enabled countries and territories to submit requests to ICANN for IDN ccTLDs representing their respective country or territory names in scripts other than US-ASCII characters.
6. Implementation of IDN in the new gTLDs programme and the implementation of IDN ccTLDs raise some complex issues – for example, defining policies for scripts that the registries can accept, agreement on the type and number of characters in the strings etc. [[187]](#footnote-198)
7. By June 2012, a total of 30 countries/territories requests have successfully passed through the String Evaluation. Of these, 21 countries/territories (represented by 31 IDN ccTLDs) are delegated in the DNS root zone; with the remainder either readying to apply, or actively applying for, delegation of the string[[188]](#footnote-199).

 **2.3.5.2 Regional Root Servers**

1. The DNS associates IP addresses with semantically meaningful domain names assigned to computers. When a user types “www.itu.int”, the DNS resolves this address in a right-to-left order by first going to a root server (“.”), which provides a referral to the location of an “.int” name server, which in turn provides a referral to an “itu.int” name server. Here, a root name server is a DNS server that answers requests for the DNS root zone, and provides referrals for names within a particular TLD to that TLD’s name servers. There are currently 12 operators running 13 root servers specified with names in the form “letter.root-servers.net”, where the letter ranges from A to M. The A, C, E, F, G, I, J, K, L and M servers now exist in multiple locations on different continents to provide decentralized service[[189]](#footnote-200).

**Table 2: Operators and Root Servers**

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| Server | Operator | Locations | Number of Instances |
| A | VeriSign, Inc. | Distributed using anycast  | 6 |
| B | Information Sciences Institute  | Marina Del Rey, California, US | 1 |
| C | Cogent Communications | Distributed using anycast | 6 |
| D | University of Maryland | College Park, Maryland, US | 1 |
| E | NASA Ames Research Center |  Distributed using anycast | 12 |
| F | Internet Systems Consortium, Inc. | Distributed using anycast | 49 |
| G | U.S.[A.] DOD Network Information Center | Distributed using anycast | 6 |
| H | U.S.[A.] Army Research Lab |  Distributed using anycast within the US | 2 |
| I | Netnod (formerly Autonomica) | Distributed using anycast | 43 |
| J | VeriSign, Inc. | Distributed using anycast | 70 |
| K | RIPE NCC | Distributed using anycast | 18 |
| L | ICANN | Distributed using anycast | 121 |
| M | WIDE Project | Distributed using anycast | 6 |

1. The 12 operators manage the system used to publish the root zone that is administered through the IANA functions process and cryptographically-signed and distributed by VeriSign as the Root Zone Maintainer.
2. In the geographical sense, only three root server operators have administrative headquarters outside the U.S.A. (the Netherlands, Sweden and Japan); however, the majority of root server operators have deployed mirror copies of existing root servers throughout the world, such that there are now 341 instances of root servers and mirrors. For instance, while ICANN has headquarters in California in the U.S.A., service for L ROOT-SERVERS.NET is provided using mirror copies (instances) located in 112 locations in 49 countries.

d) One view is that there is an uneven geographical distribution of the DNS root servers (and mirrors)[[190]](#footnote-201). Figure 3 highlights the disparity between the geographical distribution of root servers and the global distribution of Internet users, while Figure 4 shows their location. In Res. 133 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), ITU membership has highlighted the need to promote regional root servers. However, another view is that the ratio of the “number of users per root server” is not necessarily meaningful. Due to the nature of networking and concepts of peering, routing and DNS server selection, it is simply not possible to guarantee that, for example, Internet users in Australia will necessarily use root-servers physically located in Australia [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[191]](#footnote-202)]. The root-servers provide the top of the delegation chain, which is cached for on average around two days. A user will use their ISP's caching server, which should be close (in terms of network topology), while pre-emptive caching also helps reduce the likelihood of long latencies. The set of root servers continues to grow all the time [source: [Nominet](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0024/en)[[192]](#footnote-203)]. e) Those holding this view note that that the existing system hasdemonstrated it is capable of facilitating wider distribution of root servers, and that it is not necessary to modify the administrative structure of the root server system by reassigning responsibility for existing root servers or adding new ones in order to achieve this goal [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)[[193]](#footnote-204)].

**Figure 3: Geographical distribution of DNS root server sites and Internet users, 2011**[[194]](#footnote-205)

Geographical distribution of DNS root server sites (left chart) and Internet users (right chart).



**Figure 4: Geographical distribution of DNS root servers and mirrors[[195]](#footnote-206)**

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**2.3.6** Governments play a role in ICANN’s structure through the Governmental Advisory Group (GAC), which provides advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN’s activities or policies and national laws or international agreements[[196]](#footnote-207).

* 1. According to ICANN Bylaws, the advice of the GAC on public policy matters shall be duly taken into account, both in the formulation and adoption of policies by the ICANN Board.

Comment: Is that really happened?

Please provide the number of cases that the advice of the GAC on public policy matters have been duly taken into account, both in the formulation and adoption of policies by the ICANN Board.

* 1. In the event that the ICANN Board determines to take an action that is not consistent with the GAC advice, it shall so inform the GAC and state the reasons why it decided not to follow that advice[[197]](#footnote-208).

Comments

Please provide the number of cases that the advice of the GAC on public policy matters have not been taken into account, both in the formulation and adoption of policies by the ICANN Board and give some examples of reasons provided for non application of the GAC Advice.

* 1. The GAC Chair serves as a non-voting liaison on ICANN’s Board [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[198]](#footnote-209)].

**Comments**

**The nonvoting status means observer and thus no role in the decision making**

* 1. Membership of the GAC is open to all national governments and distinct economies as recognised by international fora, and multinational governmental organizations and treaty organizations may join the GAC as observers [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0023/en)[[199]](#footnote-210)]. Currently, the GAC is composed of 114 Country Members and 27 Observers[[200]](#footnote-211).
	2. One view is that the GAC is limited by its role as an advisory body only. In addition, some have noted that further integrating the GAC into multistakeholder policy development has several obstacles, including misunderstandings about the GAC as an organization of nation state representatives [source: [UK](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0023/en)[[201]](#footnote-212)]. Another view is that broadening the exchanges between the GAC, the ICANN Board and other members of the ICANN community could overcome these misunderstandings [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[202]](#footnote-213)].
	3. There are some occasions where the ICANN Board has not requested GAC’s opinions or rejected GAC’s advice, despite public policy implications relating to the issues under discussion[[203]](#footnote-214). There have been joint efforts between the ICANN Board and GAC to address the concern of integrating the GAC more effectively into ICANN’s structure[[204]](#footnote-215), which were further advanced by the Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT)[[205]](#footnote-216) [source: [U.S.A.](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0033/en)[[206]](#footnote-217), [[207]](#footnote-218)]. The report issued by the Joint Working Group (JWG) of the ICANN Board and the GAC in 2011 contains several recommendations.

**3. Conclusion**

This draft report of the Secretary-General to the WTPF-2013 aims to provide a basis for discussion at the Policy Forum, incorporating the contributions of ITU Member States and Sector Members, and serving as the sole working document of the Forum focusing on key issues on which it would be desirable to reach conclusions (Council 2011 Decision 562).

**Annex A: List of Draft Opinions**

To date, six draft opinions have been received, which have been discussed briefly at the Second IEG Meeting, and shall be discussed further at the Third IEG Meeting:

* Draft Opinion [1] from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on “[Supporting Full Multi-stakeholderism in Internet Governance](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0027/en)”, received on 1 October 2012, available from: [www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0027/en](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0027/en);
* Draft Opinion [2] from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates on “[Support of the Adoption of IPv6 and of Careful Management of the Transition from IPv4](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0028/en)”, received on 1 October 2012, available from: www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0028/en;
* Draft Opinion [3] from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on “[Supporting Operationalizing the Enhanced Cooperation Process](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0029/en)”, received on 1 October 2012, available from: [www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0029/en](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0029/en);
* Draft Opinion [4] from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on “[Supporting Capacity Building for the deployment of IPv6](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0034/en)”, received on 5 October 2012, available from: [www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0034/en](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0034/en);
* Draft Opinion [5] from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on “[Promoting Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) as a long-term solution to advance connectivity](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0035/en)”, received on 5 October 2012, available from: [www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0035/en](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0035/en);
* Draft Opinion [6] from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on “[Supporting the inclusivity of communications for all​](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0036/en)”, received on 5 October 2012, available from: [www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0035/en](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0035/en).

**Annex B: List of Acronyms**

AP-CERT Asia-Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team

APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum

APNIC The Asia Pacific Network Information Centre

ARIN The American Registry for Internet Numbers

ARPANET The Advanced Research Projects Agency Network

AS Autonomous System

BGRD Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group

ccTLD country code Top-Level Domain

CWG ITU Council Working Group

CWG-Internet The Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues

DoD U.S. Department of Defense

DNS Domain Name System

DNSSEC Domain Name System Security Extensions

FIND Future Internet Design project

FIRE European Union’s Future Internet Research & Experimentation

FIRST Forum for Incident Response and Security Teams

GAC Governmental Advisory Committee

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GENI Global Environment for Network Innovations

GGE Government Group of Experts of the UN General Assembly

gTLD generic Top-Level Domain

IANA Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

ICANN Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

ICT Information & Communication Technology

ICTs Information & Communication Technologies

IDN Internationalized Domain Name

IEG Informal Experts Group

IETF Internet Engineering Task Force

IGF Internet Governance Forum

IGOs Inter-governmental Organizations

IIC International Internet Connectivity

INR Internet Numbering Resources

IP Internet Protocol

IPv4 Internet Protocol version 4

IPv6 Internet Protocol version 6

IPTV Internet Protocol Television

ISOC Internet Society

ISPs Internet Service Providers
ITU International Telecommunication Union

ITU-T ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

IXPs Internet Exchange Points

JWG ICANN’s Joint Working Group

KSK Key Signing Key

LDCs Least Developed Countries

MAAWG Messaging Anti-Abuse Working Group

NASA U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NGN Next-Generation Network

NICT Japan’s National Institute of ICT

NSF U.S. National Science Foundation

NTIA U.S. National Telecommunication Industry Association

NWGN Japan’s NeW Generation Network (NWGN) research and development initiative

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OTT Over The Top

QoS Quality of Service

RIPE Réseaux IP Européens/European IP Networks

RIR Regional Internet Registry

RPKI Resource Public Key Infrastructure

SLD Second-Level Domains

SME Small- and Medium-sized Enterprise

TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol

TLD Top-Level Domain

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

VoIP Voice over Internet Protocol
WIDE Widely Integrated Distributed Environment project

WGIG Working Group on Internet Governance

WIPO The World Intellectual Property Organization

WSIS World Summit on the Information Society

W3C World Wide Web Consortium

WTPF World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum

WTSA World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly

WTDC World Telecommunication Development Conference

ZSK Zone Signing Key

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3. CWG-Internet, available at: <http://www.itu.int/council/groups/CWG-Internet/index.html>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Quoting *instructs the Council 1* of Res. 102 (Rev. Guadalajara 2010). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Council 2012 Res. 1344 (available at: <http://www.itu.int/md/S12-CL-C-0086/en>). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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8. For further detail, please see the Chairman’s Reports of the 1stand 2ndIEG meetings. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
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10. [ISOC Contribution](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0015/en) (26 June 2012). [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
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30. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metcalfe%27s_law>. [↑](#footnote-ref-37)
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81. [Cisco contribution](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0014/en) (25 June 2012); [UK contribution](http://www.itu.int/md/S12-WTPF13PREP-C-0013/en)  (25 June 2012). [↑](#footnote-ref-92)
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