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**Comments of I.R. of Iran for**

**OPINION (n+1)Promoting Internet Exchange Points (IXP’s) as a long term solution to advance connectivity**

The fifth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (Geneva, 2013),

*Recalling*

1. That Paragraph 27, c) iof the Tunis Agenda recognizes the contribution that Internet Exchange points can make to reducing interconnection costs and broadening network access
2. That Paragraph 50 of the Tunis Agenda calls for the establishment of national, regional and sub-regional Internet exchange points as a strategy for increasing affordable global connectivity thereby facilitating improved and equitable access for all.

*Considering*

1. That the report by ISOC, OECD and UNESCO, on the relationship between local content Internet Development and access prices *is of the view*
2. that establishment of national, sub-regional, and regional IXPs is a priority to address connectivity issues, improve quality of service and reduce interconnection costs;
3. that 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;
4. that the adoption of IXPs begin to attract content providers, along with business, academic, and government users;
5. that local content capacity in developing countries should be encouraged and supported within the enabling environment that local/ regional IXPs provides;
6. that liberalization of the market may plays a significant role in allowing a competitive market to emerge to support introduction and interconnection with IXP’s and

*Invites*

Member States and Sector Members to work in a collaborative manner with developing countries plans

* to promote and expand networks on national, sub-regional and regional level
* to enable the emergence of Internet Exchange Points

to remove the barrier to participation by local network and international operators interconnecting through Internet exchange points