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

**OPINION (n+2)Supporting the inclusivity of communications for all**

The fifth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (Geneva, 2013)

1. Recalling the General Assembly Resolution 66/184 of 22 December 2011
2. That Paragraph 42, of the Tunis Agenda, **affirms** 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 ”within the limit enshrined in National Legislation of Member States and consistent with their cultural, diversity, heritage, traditions, customs,, ethics convictions and belief

*considering*

1. Resolution 175 (Guadalajara 2010) on Telecommunications/Information Communication Technology accessibility for persons with disabilities, including age-related disabilities
2. Resolution 84 (Guadalajara 2010) on Facilitating digital Inclusion initiatives for indigenous peoples
3. ITU-T Resolution 69 (Revision Dubai 2012 ) on Non Discriminatory access and use of Internet resources

*noting*

*is of the view*

1. that State Members or any enterprise functioning under their jurisdiction and within their territory shall refrain taking any unilateral decision or action in impeding other State Members to have access to Internet and Inter resources
2. that State Members should be able to exercise their fundamental rights in participating in decisions making relating to the governance mechanisms of the Internet

*invites*

All Stakeholders

1. to encourage and promote an Internet environment to respect recognized legal rights of Internet users without having obligation to obtain permission or affirmative co-operation from established service providers
2. to consider the potential of the Internet and related technologies to provide enhanced services to people with disabilities and special needs.
3. To fully respect universal access of all Member States to Internet and its resources as outlined in *opinion a)*above
4. Remove 7waive requiring that service providers to block access to certain websites, which is contrary to official positions claimed by some countries on censorship and Internet freedom, and which is in contradiction with transparency, openness, and democratic functioning of Internet.