

Dear Mr. President,  
dear colleagues

Of course, we also want to express gratitude to the whole WGIG, but also to every and each individual member of the WGIG and its secretariat, wisely driven by the professional diplomat Mr. Kummer. ITU has been also very helpful to the work of the WGIG, and deserves a thank you.

There's a saying in English which states: If it ain't broken, don't fix it.

However, in Bulgaria we prefer a different, cover version of this saying, the Russian one "rabotaet - ne trogaj". (it works, so don't touch it). And

therefore before starting to argue the question about ICANN and the current status quo, we must be sure about what will happen after it's changed.

We hope WGIG would help us in finding the best solution, as what ICANN does is

not the whole term "Internet Governance". What ICANN does is only a very

small, technical portion of the coordination in the addressing and protocol

parameter areas as well as those for DNS (including root servers).

We heard by many about the internationalization of the IG issue.

But let's share with you a different perspective - the national, or the local one.

We have created a unique community of experts in the ICT field in Bulgaria.

Members of the Parliament, ministers, representatives of the NGOs, scientists and university staff have put together a team which created the

new Telecommunications Law. It's now 1 year+ old, and it defines very precisely what's the role of the government in the management of the DNS

and the IP numbers and addresses. We did it in an open, democratic, transparent, multi stakeholders and inclusive way. We actually covered all

concerns expressed so far. And today, when we listen to our colleagues, we

have to admit that many of the problems which some countries have faced,

were solved successfully in Bulgaria.

Bulgaria, as a country in transition, was not excluded from the processes

of coordinating activities on the Internet. It's an open process, where every government can and should participate.

We expect that this and following PrepComs and the next meetings of WGIG

would bring more common sense, and we'll progress in the way to a better governed Internet. There are so many issues that need to be discussed in that arena, that we should never stop to be concerned and work on all levels - national and international. There are three ways to do things - be part of the problem, part of the solution, or part of the landscape. Bulgaria wants to be part of the solution. We hope that with the help of all governments and participating experts in the WGIG, the working group will find a solution, accepted by all parties and stakeholders, and will not become part of a problem.

Thank you.