

h) that child online protection is a subject of valid international global interest and shall be listed in the priorities of the world community's global agenda;

i) that during the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (Tunis, 2005), the information society recognized the needs of children and young people and their protection in cyberspace with; The Tunis Commitment stating:

a. *"We recognize the role of information and communications technologies (ICT) in the protection of children and in enhancing the development of children. We will strengthen action to protect children from abuse and defend their rights in the context of ICT. In that context, we emphasize that the best interests of the child are a primary consideration" (paragraph 24);*

and the Tunis Agenda stating:

*"We reaffirm our commitment to providing equitable access to information and knowledge for all, recognizing the role of ICT for economic growth and development. We are committed to working towards achieving [...] internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals, by [...] incorporating regulatory, self-regulatory, and other effective policies and frameworks to protect children and young people from abuse and exploitation through ICT into national plans of action and e-strategies (paragraph 90q.)*

*recognizing*

a) the child online protection efforts taking place on the local, national, regional and international levels;

b) the year-long Call for Action launched, ITU Secretary-General on 18 May 2009 to consider the year 2009- 2010 the child online safety year,

*emphasizing*

a) the commitment of the ITU to connecting the world responsibly to ensure cybersecurity, enable cyberpeace, and protect children online;

b) the ITU's role to facilitate the implementation of WSIS Action Line C5 *"Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs"*;

c) the establishment of the Child Online Protection (COP) as a special initiative within the Global Cyber Security Agenda GCA framework of the ITU,

*noting*

a) the agreement reached by participants at the ITU/MIC Strategic Dialogue on "Safer Internet Environment for Children" (Tokyo Communiqué) on:

- Developing a basic framework for achieving safety
- Promoting voluntary initiatives in the private sector
- Promoting user education initiatives

b) The rapidly changing nature of the information society and new advances that occur and which might entail different risks for children and hence the need to respond to these challenges;

c) The uneven development of child online protection measures and procedures throughout the world and the different risks facing children in different regions,