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>> CHAIR: Is the Chairman of Working Group 1 in the room? We need Daniel.

He was just here. Now I do not see him.

Welcome back, ladies and gentlemen. As we start our last Plenary I would like to refer to the Agenda ADM-11. You have the very constructive discussion in the Working Groups and I'm pleased to invite this morning the Chair of the Working Groups to report on their work. Their written reports will be included in my report. I would like first to invite Mr. Daniel Cavalcanti to present the report of Working Group 1. Daniel, please?

>> DANIEL CAVALCANTI: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'm pleased to present the report of Working Group 1 to the Plenary. Working Group 1 met on the 14th of May from 4:15 to 5:40 to discuss two Draft Opinions and in that session I had with me my Vice Chair, Ms. Sally Wentworth of ISOC.

Draft Opinion 1: Promoting IXPs as a long-term solution to advance connectivity.

Draft Opinion 2: Fostering an enabling environment for the greater growth and development of broadband connectivity. Here are the reports for the two opinions. Opinion 1, the Working Group considered a number of contributions from the United States, document number 6; Turkey, document 7; RIPE, document 8; ISOC. document 9; Australia, document number 11.

The United States, RIPE, Australia expressed their support for the opinion in what was then the current form. Turkey's contribution proposed addition of the phrase especially in developing countries. To the second bullet of the "invites" section. And the replacement of the word permitting with encouraging in the third bullet of the invite section.

During the discussion that followed, however, other countries did not advocate reopening the text. For the sake of compromise Turkey generously accepted that it would not insist on its amendments. The number of Delegations expressed thanks to the Turkish Delegation for the spirit of compromise. In view of the discussions Working Group 1 endorsed Draft Opinion one in unaltered form and submitted it to the consideration of the Plenary.

Opinion Number 2, Working Group considered a number of contributions, including the United States, again document number 6; Turkey, document number 7; ISOC, document number 9; Australia, document number 11; Avanti Communications, number 12; and Global VSAT Forum GDF14. United States ISOC and Australia presented their support for Draft Opinion number two orally, for Draft Opinion two as it was received by the Working Group. Turkey's compromise proposed the use of the word relevant before international national and regional Forums in the sector members and all interested stakeholders section.

Avanti and GVF proposed a number of amendments to section C of the recognizing section. These proposed changes sought to reflect technology-neutral approach to the establishment of broadband networks which should include terrestrial fixed, terrestrial mobile as well as satellite broadband to enable broadband services including unserved and underserved areas.

During the discussion that followed, a number of countries expressed their support for the amendment proposed by Turkey as an improvement that single change of word, inclusion of "relevant."

But then in sequence, in addition, Senegal requested that the valuable work of the ITU Telecommunications Development Bureau, the BDT, be acknowledged in two additional bullets, C and D, noting that GSR best practice guidelines 2011 and 2009 in the sections.

Ghana proposed the addition of the phrase, to spur demand for, in Number IV Roman of Subsection C of "recognizing" section, to reflect the balance in both demand and supply side under the broadband ecosystem.

The UK sought clarification whether the Forum could request the ITU Secretary-General or whether it would rather invite the Secretary-General to ensure effective implementation of the relevant ITU programs and activities. The Secretariat clarified that the precedent existed for the first WTPF 1996 for the form Forum to request the Secretary-General.

On the other issue in spirit of compromise. Avanti, Senegal and Ghana all accepted that their amendments should be accepted in the Chairman's report rather than in the opinion itself as we have reported here.

In view of these discussions, Working Group 1 endorsed Draft Opinion 2 with the single addition of the word "relevant" as proposed by Turkey and submitted it to the consideration of the Plenary.

Although the Working Group dealt with two Draft Opinions within a limited period of time, the discussions were concluded in would be session to the satisfaction of the WTPF Delegates. Working Group 1 therefore allocated its second scheduled working session which would take place the following morning to the use of Working Group 2. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for support, the Vice Chairman and interpreters and caption providers and this is a conclusion of my report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Daniel. Thank you for the excellent leadership and thank you also, Sally Wentworth for being a wonderful Vice Chair.

Any comments on the report from Working Group 1? Iran, followed by Canada.

>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. We appreciate the kind effort of Chairman of Working Group 1. He did the job perfectly, competently, in a satisfactory manner and we request a round of applause for him.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Iran. Canada?

>> CANADA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again we would like to join Iran in congratulating the Working Group one. Briefly, Mr. Chairman, a side comment on the importance of one of the topics in those two Draft Opinions on the issue of broadband. We would like to reflect on the importance of the work of the broadband commission, the targets they established by 2015, the excellent work done by the ITU that, the relevant sector in the broadband reports. We are particularly pleased with the depth and scope of the analysis, the broadband portal, last but not least Mr. Chairman bring to the attention of the floor also in terms of the multistakeholders that are participating in the initiatives not to forget the work done by the World Bank in telecommunications, regulatory, the broadband strategies handbook. And the region of the Americas, the work undertaken by the 2012 partnership report and last but not least the U.N. Economic Commission for the Latin America that recently held the fourth conference, updating the target for ELAC 2015. We expressed earlier, we are looking forward to working with Brazil and all the colleagues in the region to ensure that our preparatory process towards the WCDC is successful.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Next, IEG-APIC.

>> IEG-APIC: Thank you, Chairman. I made this comment earlier and it could be done either in the individual Working Group reports or in the overall report. I think perhaps it should be acknowledged there were information documents which were not introduced nor discussed. So it should be clear they were not introduced nor discussed. I think perhaps some mention of the fact that there were information documents should appear in one of the reports or all three of the reports as you think fit. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Now I would like to give the floor to Mr. Musab Abdulla to present the report of Working Group 2. You have the floor.

>> MUSAB ABDULLA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. My report on the work of Working Group 2 is as follows:

Working Group 2 met on 15 May from 09:30-10:10 to discuss two draft opinions:

Draft Opinion 3: Supporting Capacity Building for the deployment of IPv6.

Draft Opinion 4: In Support of IPv6 Adoption and transition from IPv4.

The Working Group considered draft Opinions 3 and 4 as well as five written contributions their contributions orally and expressed their overall support of these from USA, Turkey, RIPE-NCC, ISOC and Australia.

Contributor delegates presented two opinions, prepared by the IEG, on promoting the IPv6 deployment which is urgently needed and critical to the sustainable future development of the Internet.

The United States, RIPE-NCC and ISOC supported these two opinions in their current form. The RIPE-NCC delegate, in his intervention, especially recognized that these two draft opinions address different and distinct areas of concern and interest for Member States and other members of the global Internet community. In recognition of the consensus achieved by the IEG, the delegate of Australia, in his intervention, supported the adoption of Draft Opinions 3 and 4 in their current form and withdrew their earlier suggestion of merging them.

The delegate of Turkey presented their proposal to merge draft Opinions 3 & 4. Other delegations, in their interventions, cited the prevailing preference expressed during this Forum that these draft opinion texts, although not perfect, represent a delicate compromise and should not be significantly amended. Due to time constraints it was recommended not to reopen the discussions related to the two Draft Opinions. In the spirit of compromise, Turkey generously agreed not to insist on merging these two opinions. Thus Working Group 2 agreed to keep Opinions 3 and 4 separate.

In the discussion to finalize the text of Opinion 3, Turkey proposed an addition of the following text:

Requests Secretary-General to ensure effective implementation of relevant program and activities of ITU to support capacity building of member states for IPv4-IPv6 transition.

The Chairman then invited comments on this proposed change. Some delegates noted that the proposed additional text is already contained in ITU mandate documents such as WTDC-10 Resolution 63, PP-10 Resolution 180 and WTSA-12 Resolution 64, and this request is more appropriate to be addressed to the Director of BDT rather than the Secretary-General. In light of the Working Group's preference not to amend the text of the two Opinions, the Chairman proposed that Turkey's contribution would be included in the text of the Chairman's report. In the spirit of compromise, Turkey accepted the proposal.

Working Group 2 endorsed Opinion 3 in its unaltered form and submitted it for the consideration of Plenary.

In the discussion leading to the approval of Opinion 4, the US and ISOC highlighted the texts already in draft Opinion 4 which supports the multi-stakeholder system of IP number allocation and management centered on the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), and the invitation to governments to contribute to the RIR policy process.

While expressing their content to support draft Opinion 4 in its current form, RIPE-NCC, on behalf of all RIRs,clarified some specific points of the text of the Draft Opinion and referred the meeting to information document 12, submitted by APNIC. The floor appreciated the contribution from the RIRs and noted the useful information contained in this document.

In view of these discussions, Working Group 2 endorsed Draft Opinion 4 in its unaltered form and submitted it for the consideration of Plenary.

After the approval of these two opinions, APNIC, on behalf of the RIRs, expressed a very positive note that WTPF produced two important opinions on topics related to IPv6, which is essential to the Internet of tomorrow. APNIC further expressed that the RIRs will continue to partner with ITU on capacity building, which is an essential element for the deployment of IPv6.

ICANN was given the floor, during which they highlighted the role of the RIRs, mentioned ICANN's contribution to some policy-making processes and commended ITU's processes for this WTPF.

The Chairman thanked the Secretariat for its support, as well as the Vice-Chairman, interpreters and captioners and closed the Working Group meeting.

In addition, Mr. Chairman, on a personal note I would like to thank all the Delegates, the Secretariat, and all the support staff for the fantastic supports that was received during Working Group 2 which led to it being an extremely smooth and efficient meeting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Abdulla. And also any comment on Working Group 2, please?

I see no comments. Let's move on. Last but not least I would like to invite Mr. Petko Kantchev to present the report on Working Group 3.

>> PETKO KANTCHEV: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Esteemed officials, my dear friends, Delegates to this Forum, ladies and gentlemen. First of all, before I start presenting the outcome of deliberations during our Working Group 3, I should like through you, Mr. Chairman, to thank all the conveners in the IEG on dealing with various aspects on the promoting Internet exchange points. Mr. Malcolm Hutty from the United Kingdom on the capacity building for deployment of IPv6; Mrs. Hadley on IPv deployment; and position from IPV4, the Delegate from Bahrain. The communications for all, Mr. Paul Redmond from U.K. Enabling environment for broadband and environment, Mr. Bruce Gracy from Canada. The role of governance and multistakeholder framework, in the multistakeholder framework, Mr. Daniel Cavalcanti from Brazil. I should try to forget, I was Chairing that, the Peter Major from Hungary and the framework and X50, Mr. Paul from PAY-BAS.

During the deliberations, the people were thanking the Chairman and the Chair and persons during your own Plenary, but I would like to say through you, thanks to these conveners we have tremendous success in the IEG. Through you, Mr. Chairman, I would like to express appreciation for their own work in a public manner.

(Applause.)

>> PETKO KANTCHEV: So now, going down straight to the business. Working Group 3 met 15th of May, yesterday, and today 16th of May from 9:30 to 10:45; and then which was expanded actually to 12:45.

We discussed the Draft Opinions on the contributions in the form of the opinion. We discussed actually numbers which are well-known to every one of you. Number 5 and 6, I should not need to repeat them. We discussed the opportunity to consider further and to pursue further the new Draft Opinions as proposed by Brazil.

Considering the nature of the contributions and in order to devote sufficient time for new Draft Opinion from Brazil, the Chairman Opinion 6 to be discussed first and followed by 5 and the proposal from Brazil to be considered at the end. Here are the reports of the discussions on the two opinions and the new Draft Opinion from Brazil in the order they were discussed.

The Working Group considered the Draft Opinion 6 and supporting operationalization of enhanced cooperation as well as the number of contributions by the United States, Turkey, RIPE-NCC, ISOC, Australia, and India.

The United States, RIPE-NCC, ISOC in their presentation supported Draft Opinion 6 without modification as it stands. Australia kindly accepted not to pursue its contribution to merge Opinion 5 an 6 and in the interest of reaching agreement in the limited time available, even though it did not consider the text as perfect. Turkey's contribution proposed the inclusion of the following paragraph under the invite section of the Draft Opinion that more clarity, I quoted, in Member States and sector members to promote international cooperation in all stakeholders in their respective role for the issue of related to network robustness and to increase the use of the Internet.

However, other Delegates argued that the current text is an output of consensus at the IEG and asked that it should be kept unchanged. Turkey graciously accepted that it would not insist on the inclusion of the proposed paragraph for the sake of compromise.

India in its contribution asked for addition of reference to some more paragraphs of the Tunis Agenda in the paragraph A under the recalling section. India stated that selectively quoting paragraphs could result in an incomplete picture of the topic under discussion. Some Delegates from the developing countries state that had the reference to Paragraph 65 of the Tunis Agenda was important, as it specifically addressed the developing countries. During the discussions that ensued, some other paragraphs such as Paragraph 36 were also suggested for addition. The Delegates expressed their concern regarding reopening of the discussion and in the spirit of compromise the fully revised paragraph under the recording section was agreed by consensus. I quote, relevant pages of the Tunis Agenda including paragraphs 35, 37, 55, 60, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 83 related to Internet cooperation and the roles of all relevant stakeholders. This is the text which we have agreed to keep further on.

Some Delegates said that sufficient time should be given to revisit some of the Key Issues as necessary even though they may have been agreed, they have been already approved by the IEG. The Chairman qualified that in order to include the Draft Opinions which are being discussed would result in ample time and would be allocated to address more sensitive issues and he encouraged the Delegations to express their concerns without any hesitation. Some Delegates brought the attention of the meeting to the information documents from members of the IEG. Especially who are not IEG members. This information documents have been posted on the WTPF website but not discussed as per the rules of the procedures of this Forum.

In view of these discussions, Working Group 3 endorsed Draft Opinion 6 with 1 amendment to recalling A as shown above and which already has been quoted in almost in dictation speed.

Now, the report on the Opinion 5. The report on multistakeholder in Internet governments, as well as contributions by the Russian Federation, USA, Turkey, RIPE-NCC, ISOC, Australia and India. The United States, RIPE-NCC and ISOC in their presentations expressed fourth for draft in its current form. The Russian Federation presented its contribution which proposed inclusion of additional text in the Draft Opinion on the role of the Member States. But agreed to discuss the proposed text within the context of a contribution from Brazil, namely document 13/5.

Turkey's contribution proposed addition of the world organization to the recalling C, to focus in particular on how to improve the participation of developing countries stakeholders. Under the invite Member States and other shareholder section. This was added by consensus. India presented its contribution amongst three points. India withdrew its first point (reference to a list of paragraphs of the Tunis Agenda), insisted the second point (exact reference to paragraph 37 of Tunis Agenda under the recognizing section a), and generously agreed to include their last point (the addition of a new paragraph e) under recognizing section, reflecting paragraph 61 of the Tunis Agenda) only in the Chairman's Report.

So for the sake of better understanding, I should like now to quote the paragraph 61. "We are convinced that there is a need to initiate, and reinforce, as appropriate, a transparent, democratic, and multilateral process, with the participation of governments, private sector, civil society and international organizations, in their respective roles. This process could envisage creation of a suitable framework or mechanisms, where justified, thus spurring the ongoing and active evolution of the current arrangements in order to synergize the efforts in this regard."

This is, I'm quoting part of the paragraph 61. During the discussion that followed, recognizing A was revised to align with the text in paragraph 37 of the Tunis Agenda and amendment was accepted by consensus.

In addition, some Delegates expressed, Delegates suggested that the following sentence proposed by India should use "states" rather than "suggests" and this change was made accordingly by consensus. In view of this discussions, the Working Group 3 endorsed Draft Opinion 5 with the addition of the world organization and the revised recognizing a) made by consensus and submitted for consideration to the Plenary.

The new Draft Opinion contribution from Brazil, Working Group 3 considered the new Draft Opinion in the role of governments in the multistakeholder framework for Internet governance submitted by Brazil with Russian with Russian Federation aspects made as contributions on Draft Opinion 5. Brazil spitted this to the Forum. While he will sizing the central issues to be discussed in this Forum, operationalizing the role of governments in the multistakeholder model and capacity building in support of ITU. Russian Federation in support for the contribution highlighted the importance of the role of governments in Internet Governance and the need to define international roles for the Internet.

There was significant discussion on the new Draft Opinion from Brazil in the afternoon session on May 15 based on the feedback received and the urging of the Chairman, the Brazil consulted with various Delegations and came back in the morning session of May 16, that means today, with the revised version of their own contribution as document 5 revised 1.

After 45 minutes adjournment for Delegates to consider the revised version, the group continued the discussion on the revised Brazilian contribution. All Delegates expressed their sincere appreciation to Brazil for their dedication and constructive spirit in consulting and revising the contribution.

Many Delegates while supporting the issues expressed in the contribution indicated that that some modifications were needed to more accurately reflect various views and concerns. Some modification was considered from the floor. India in its contribution add for addition of reference to some more paragraphs of the Tunis Agenda in paragraph A under recording section. India stated that selectively quoting paragraphs could result in an incomplete picture of the topics under discussion. Some Delegates from developing countries stated that the reference to Paragraph 65 of the Tunis Agenda was important as it specifically addressed the developing countries. During the discussion that ensued, some other paragraphs such as Paragraph 36 were also suggested for addition. Some Delegates expressed their concern regarding the reopening of the discussion. And in the spirit of compromise the following revised paragraph on the recording section was agreed by consensus. I shall read in its entirety. A, relevant paragraphs of the Tunis Agenda including paragraphs 35, 37, 55, 60, 65, 68, 79, 70, 71, and 83 related to enhanced cooperation in the role of all relevant stakeholders.

Some Delegates expressed that sufficient time should be given to revisit some of the Key Issues as necessary. Even though they may have been already approved by the IEG. The Chairman qualified that the Draft Opinions have been discussed with the resulting in ample time. Thus being allocated to address more sensitive issues and he urged the Delegates to express their concerns without. Some Delegates brought attention to -- especially who are not IEG members. These information documents have been posted on the WTPF website and were not considered any more.

I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I went to the wrong page. So I am, it is the second time I made mistake, so sorry for that. Excuse me.

Just do not pay attention to what I said in the last three to four minutes.

(Laughter.)

>> PETKO KANTCHEV: I beg your indulgence for that.

So many Delegates as well as the Chairman agreed that the issue of the role of the government in the multistakeholder models Internet Governance is very important topic and one of the Key Issues that have not been clearly addressed to date. It was emphasized that the Chairman that we should not -- it was emphasized by the Chairman that we should not shy away from talking about it and that until we do address this core issue there will be a degree of uncertainty especially when it comes to the public policy issues.

Many Delegates expressed the view that the topic was very complex and that there was insufficient tile left to consider all aspects in detail. That while we cannot conclude it here, the discussion should be continued. Brazil accepted that in the absence of a consensus it will be difficult to pursue their Draft Opinion of Working Group 3 and expressed their willingness to work with others to continue to deliberate on the issues expressed in this contribution.

The Chair concluded that while the new Draft Opinion was not adopted there was support for the principles embodied in that contribution. He noted that these are building blocks and encouraged all Delegates to stay engaged on the issue and continue debating in the ITU and also in other Forums. Some Delegates suggested aspects of the discussion could be continued at other Forums such as CSTD, ECOSOC and IGF. The Chairman suggested that the related public policy issues at one such Forum, not in -- going up on consultation with all stakeholders over there and that Brazil could make a contribution on this important issue, taking into account relevant deliberations at the multi-Forum as well as any other further input received from Delegates.

And in this respect, Mr. Cavalcanti could be contacted as convener once again at the e-mail which he would provide to the Secretariat afterwards.

The Chairman also indicated that the Council Working Group could consider the output of its deliberations to the ITU Council for further consideration. In view of these discussions the Chairman of Working Group 3 reported that the new Draft Opinion was not endorsed by the Working Group fore further consideration by the Plenary. The Chairman thanked the Secretariat for its support, the Vice Chairman, interpreters and caption providers and of course all the Delegates for their own extremely good, friendly and constructive support. Thank you very much for bearing with me for such a long presentation. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Kantchev. Thanks also to your Vice Chair, Dr. Y.J. Park.

Any Comments on Working Group 3? USA?

>> UNITED STATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to thank the very able Chairman of Working Group 3 for the inclusive, open and thorough manner in which he conducted the work on important and sensitive subjects. We also wish to thank our colleagues for the cooperative manner in which they contributed to the discussion. It was a very significant, very important discussion.

At the end of that discussion, the Chairman asked for ideas from the Forum on where this conversation should continue taking place. The United States supports continuation of this discussion at the Internet governance Forum an CSTD on a multilateral multistakeholder democratic and transparent platform. We seek clarification, however, of the Chairman's proposal regarding the Council Working Group on Internet related public policy issues. It is our understanding that the report of the Chairman and the six consensus opinions are the only outputs of the WTPF. So it was not exactly clear what the Chairman had in mind. In keeping with the multistakeholder approach we have agreed that this Forum is so important to Internet Governance we believe that all discussions including any that are to take place at the Council Working Group on Internet related public policy issues should take place in a manner in which industry, Civil Society and academia and governments are encouraged to provide contributions and otherwise participate fully in that discussion. For purposes of clarification we want to be ensure that the Council Working Group on Internet related public policy issues not have the Member States be limited in the manner in which they consult and that if they do go forward with a continued discussion of the very useful and well thought out contribution from Brazil, that that discussion continue to include all the participants and possibly more of those that were able to participate in our discussion today. We seek further clarification on that.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. We will note this in our report with the general Secretariat. India has the floor.

>> INDIA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. In fact, with regard to Opinion 5 and 6 we are pretty much impressed with the leadership as well as with the learn of Mr. Kantchev in addressing the issues related to Opinions 5 and 6 very much effectively. I take this opportunity to convey to the appreciation to the Chair and Vice Chair in breaching the minor gap that we have in the minor opinion difference in all of us and ultimately come out with an opinion which is very consensus and everybody agreed and we expect to follow. One concern is that the opinion should not tilt the fine balance that has been achieved by the Tunis Agenda concerning the multilateral and multistakeholderism. That was the main concern and the way it has been dealt it has been addressed.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, India.

I have five more. I'll read them out. Bahrain, U.K., USA and Sweden and now IP -- I should not have said five more. There are five more additionally. We will go with Bahrain first.

>> BAHRAIN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Speaking as the Delegate of the Kingdom of Bahrain I would like to begin by thanking Mr. Kantchev for guiding us on consensus on two potentially very difficult opinions. The one comment on I would like to add is related somewhat to the comments raised by my esteemed colleague from the U.S. regarding where these discussions can go forward. I would like to reiterate the comments made during Working Group 3 that it is our belief that such a discussion is not necessarily limited to would be specific Forum. In fact, it should be discussed in all of them. In relation to the specific applicability and processes of that Forum, as such it is our firm belief that the ITU has a very prominent and large role to play in this. As the primary concern as based on the discussions relating to Brazil's contribution is related to governance. By no means should this be interpreted as being exclusive to governments because when we are talking about the Internet, when we are talking about the multistakeholder model, we are in fact attempting to be inclusive of all.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Bahrain. Brazil? You have the floor.

>> BRAZIL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And we thank the Chairman of Working Group 3 for the very good work that was done and for guidance in how to pursue some methods, particularly our Draft Opinion. As we have indicated before, Mr. Chair, we see that the issues that we are outlined in our opinion are two pronged. In one aspect they refer to the role of government and there is a clear consensus that this is a matter to be pursued in various fora, organizations, institutions, processes that deal with Internet Governance. The other aspect of our opinion deals with the role ITU could play in strengthening, enhancing the capacity of countries to deal with Internet related issues within the mandate of ITU.

So in that regard, it is clear to my Delegation and will be, of course, very much willing to work with all Delegations and interested stakeholders, taking to full account the need to work in a multistakeholder environment, but in order to pursue this within ITU we do not see any meaning in transporting this discussion to IGF. It has a role in discussing this, the role of government, it is legitimate. The Working Group on enhanced cooperation, of course, we wish fully also deal with this. But as regards the specific task we think ITU should be entrusted to do, it is clearly within ITU in the, in cooperating multistakeholder contribution to make a decision. Otherwise we are asking IGF to do something IGF has never made. I don't have any knowledge of recommendations coming from IGF. We are giving IGF, we are being fair with IGF if we just convey this discussion to IGF because we have seen from them something that it is not in their nature to do.

So we are trying to work in full respect to the existing organizations, institutions and processes, recognizing the legitimacy that is part of the discussion, the conceptual part of the discussion should be discussed in many fora, but particularly with what refers to ITU and the role ITU should play we think within the discussion that belongs to ITU. As indicated by the Chair we will be more than happy to work with as many participants as possible to further refine the ideas we have offered in our revised Draft Opinion, in order to pursue this in the upcoming meetings, in the ITU setting. There is this Working Group on Internet related issues, the important meetings last year. So these opportunities and of course it is up to any participant to propose themes independently of what is being decided here. So we take this as a good indication on how to pursue. We will be glad to work with all partners including the United States and others to further address the issues we have raised here. I'm not referring only to Brazilian proposal. I think this is not any more a Brazilian idea. It is something that tries to capture the whole sentiment that has been echoing in this room yesterday and today.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, I see a lot of members have signed up to have the floor. I just want to read to you what it says in the reports. That the issue of debating can continue within ITU and also at other Forums. Some Delegates suggested the aspects of the discussions could be continued at other Forums such as CSTD, ECOSOC and IGF. Could and should. Nothing is limited to these organizations that are mentioned in the report. Just bear in mind that, please.

Next the floor has Switzerland.

>> SWITZERLAND: Thank you, Chairman. With your permission, I would like first to refer to what was said by our minister, Mrs. Doris Leuthard when she opened this Forum. In her address she emphasized the role of governments and the responsibilities of governments in respect to Internet Governance. This is a sensitive issue and we understand perfectly well the reaction that has come from some governments, particularly in view of the discussions which have taken place recently on the issues relating to public policy.

Here we have a high level dialogue and we are very grateful particularly to Brazil for having helped us to move matters forward with this proposal, even if those proposals do need to be refined a little bit. As far as we are concerned, the role of government, particularly on the question of public policy, needs to be discussed in all bodies which are concerned with the matter and where governments are present and involved in Internet related public policy. What that means, obviously, and this has been mentioned by other people already, is in the CSTD but also here in ITU. We think that the discussion which took place in group 3 here is a good foundation on which to build further discussion, starting perhaps soon in the CSTD. Surely that is the point of a Forum such as this to promote dialogue so we can make progress to make progress in future fora on the decisions that need to be made.

I would like to thank Mr. Kantchev for his job in steering the discussions on a very difficult are matter, thank you.

>> CHAIR: I will ask all the members to please just focus on the substance of the report of Working Group 3. U.K., you have the floor please.

>> UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate your objective here. It is very important to keep the focus. But I also wanted first of all to express our gratitude to Mr. Kantchev for the excellent and effective work in handling this important discussion, raising Key Issues and we appreciate in particular the spirit of cooperation and flexibility shown by Brazil and colleagues here at this Forum.

These issues that were raised in the Brazilian proposal are very important and we feel that all stakeholders should be able to contribute to taking that discussion forward. I just wanted to underline our support which we expressed earlier for discussions to take place in the IGF. When also there is a ministerial and high level event preceding immediately the IGF. That's another possible venue and also the CSTD. We look forward in working with all the colleagues and stakeholders in taking forward these discussions. Many thanks.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, U.K. Next, who else is on the list? Sweden, IEG, Chile, Mexico, Iran, Russian Federation.

Sweden, you have the floor.

>> SWEDEN: First I want to thank Mr. Kantchev for the excellent work in the Working Group. On the subject of Internet Governance we support the views expressed by the U.K., U.S. and other speakers. We believe the discussions have to take place in a multistakeholder environment like the IGF and the place to discuss it would also be the CSTD, where it is a good opportunity to share views between all of the stakeholders.

With regard to the discussion in ITU, we will need some further clarification since we believe that the discussions in ITU would also need to take place in the multistakeholder environment allowing all stakeholders to participate in the debate in ITU as in the other organizations. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. And we have some fast fingers earlier. Saudi Arabia joined while I was reading the list. IEG-APIC.

>> IEG-APIC: I would like to come back to the point made which U.S. which has been made by Sweden. The first point by U.S., what are the outputting of this meeting? I believe the U.S. is correct. That is the report of the Chairman, your own report, Chairman and the six opinions. I believe that report goes back to the Council which is the body that organized or rather decided to hold this meeting and then the question is what body in ITU should continue these discussions and it seals to me it is not for this group to decide that but rather this group should invite Council to distribute the work as appropriate within ITU. I support the point made by the U.S. and by Sweden and others. I think we have seen here that having an open and transparent discussion has worked very well. So I think in your report perhaps we could modify slightly the part that refers to Council Working Group and rather invite Council to organize open and transparent discussions modeled on those that took place in the Internet Expert Group, in the informal Expert Group, in the IEG. That would answer the questions raised by Sweden and the US.

Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for the recommendation. I will have it in consideration in my report. Chile, you have the floor.

>> CHILE: Thank you, Chairman. I would like to express our thanks to the Chairman of Working Group 3. He did an excellent job on leading the discussions on Draft Opinion 5 and 6 which were collection. He was equally talented in leading the discussions on the proposal by Brazil. We are. We are thankful for the dialogue in this Forum. It has been an excellent opportunity to discuss issues which are really important especially for countries like my own and indeed for other developing countries, too. I know I'm repeating myself, but it is very, very important that we have the opportunity to participate in meetings like this. Unfortunately, money is tight and human resources are short. So we can't always do so.

The points raised in this discussion including strengthening governments' positions in the multistakeholder dialogue is extremely important and we would like to emphasize the need to do precisely that as part of a model which is open and transparent. There are public policy issues and questions of a political nature which are particularly sensitive and which may be have to be handled differently from others. They need to be handled by the relevant agencies and organizations, yes, but in a slightly different manner from which they are being handled at the moment. At the moment we are not properly reflecting the countries' interests in our opinion. We hope as the dialogue moves forward, whether it is in the CSTD, IGF or in another Forum we will manage to open a door through which we can then go to find a more positive outcome perhaps. I would conclude by reiterating what Chile and Argentina have said about the geographical impact in Patagonia which we are trying to defend. We hope you will be able to do that are appropriately in the GAC and ICANN. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mexico next.

>> MEXICO: Mexico would like to take this opportunity to offer its thanks to Mr. Kantchev, Chairman of Working Group 3 for doing an extraordinarily good job in chairing the meeting and ensuring excellent leadership qualities. Mexico would like to put on record that in Resolution 2 from the ITU plenipotentiary conference in Guadalajara in 2010 where it was an honor to have many of you in Mexico as our guests, it said that in order to ensure that discussions in the World Telecommunications/ICT Policy Forum were well defined they should be based on a single report from the Secretary-General and on contributions from participants based in their turn on that report and prepared in accordance with the procedure adopted by Council, which would be based on the opinions of Member States and sector members.

What this means is that we took into account the excellent work done by the IEG but at the same time we had to remember that the IEG was not the only source of inputs for our work. We have six opinions as a result of this meeting, but we might have been able to work on certain other opinions, Draft Opinion 7, for example, in a group if we approached this in a different way which might have meant we would have been able to approve that opinion, too.

As to the issue of how we proceed from here on out I would like to recall that in the resolution 2 to which I referred it made equally clear that Council was responsible for submitting to the next plenipotentiary conference a report on the World Telecommunications/ICT Policy Forum for adoption of the appropriate measures. Mexico does not see any restriction on this issue continuing to be discussed in the various multistakeholder fora which have been mentioned. We also, however, feel that there is no restriction either on continuing to discuss it in the Council Working Group on Internet related public policy. These are as many people have said crucial issues and if the Working Group continues to follow the line of having an open, transparent and inclusive view of the issue, we think we might be able to meet with very good results. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you very much, Chairman. We would like to say that we fully support the proposal of the Chairman of the Working Group and representatives of Brazil, Bahrain and other countries that the discussion on the opinion from Brazil, taking into account all the discussions at the forum is something which should be continued at the ITU Council Working Group on international and Internet related public policy issues and everything relating to Internet Governance by Member States. If we now define various platforms at which this should be discussed, then it will be too many cooks spoiled the broth. But if we have one specific platform and here we agree with Brazil, this we will be able to discuss everything properly in the right format in a single platform. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Russia. Iran, you have the floor next.

>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. Chairman, this Forum started with a good atmosphere of collaboration and friendship and continues up to this moment. And I hope that we should end with the friendship and collaboration.

Chairman, what the Delegate of Bahrain, my distinguished brother, and what yourself have been mentioning is the conclusions of this meeting, Chairman. It is not you to us to decide who will take care of this matters. Member States, memberships, ITU. They are free to submit any contribution to the relevant entities. In the ITU, they are also all members participating here. They can contribute to the IGF, to the CST development and the Secretary-General would support with respect to this, to the council and that is up to the Council to decide, Chairman. This meeting should not put any proposal to Council, nor to any entity to discuss. This is outside of our mandate.

Second, we have some difficulty to modify the report of the Chairman of the Working Group. The report of the Chairman of the Working Group is the report. We can comment on that but we cannot change that. Your report is important. The report of the Chairman of the Forum. You could conclude with respect to what you have heard and consulting the Distinguished Colleagues around you to prepare your final report and reflect the output of this meeting, Chairman. I suggest that we would not continue this discussion because all of us are saying the same thing in different manner. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Cisco Systems?

>> CISCO SYSTEMS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First I would like to thank you for chairing this Forum. Thank you for the job you've done there and the Chairs of the other Working Groups. Thanks to the ITU and Secretary-General for hosting this Forum. And the discussions, making possible the discussions we have had here and especially, of course, the interpreters for making it possible to communicate with each other.

Quickly to be brief, I think I would like to second the comments from previous Delegates that conversations on this issue should be held in an on and multistakeholder Forum such as the IGF. One concern I have about comments to continue the discussion in the Council Working Group on Internet policy is that it is closed to Member States only. All other stakeholders are not allowed to participate or even see the documents that are submitted to the group, unless they fortunate enough to be on the Delegation that allows all stakeholders to participate.

So I think that is our comment that we strongly encourage the further discussion of this in a four where we can all participate equally and openly. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Cisco and last, Saudi Arabia, please.

>> SAUDI ARABIA: Thank you, Chairman. Permit me first to thank you most warmly for your patience and wisdom in guiding our work. I should like to thank Mr. Kantchev for the efforts he made within the Working Group. And also Brazil for being kind enough to submit Draft Opinion 7.

What we see in this report gives us a balanced account of the discussions in Working Group 3. As everyone knows, it is not within the mandate of this gathering to amend what has already been done or to instruct anybody to lead Future Work. The Chairman proposed that is the Chairman of Working Group 3 proposed that we discuss international Internet public policy issues in the ITU Council Working Group on international Internet related public policy issues. This proposal met with support.

I do not wish to repeat what has been said already. I should like to endorse the statements by Switzerland, Bahrain, Brazil, Russia on this subject. Also I should like to thank Mr. Peter major from Hungary who worked extremely hard to prepare the two, to help to prepare the two opinions, 5 and 6 in the Informal Experts Group. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen, we have discussed the Working Groups, the reports of the Working Groups 1, 2, and 3. We all thank the Chairmans and Vice Chairmans who worked very hard. Everybody in this room who contributed so much. I am pleased to put forward for your consideration and adoption the following opinions: Draft Opinion 1, in exchange points, ISPs, as a long-term solution to advanced connectivity. Any objections?

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Approved. Draft Opinion 2, fostering and enabling environment for the greater growth and development of broadband connectivity. Any objections?

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: I see none. Approved. Approved as modified.

Draft Opinion 3, supporting capacity building for the deployment of IPv 6. Any objections?

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: I see none. Approved.

I like hitting the hammer.

Draft Opinion 4, in support of IPv6 adoption and transitions from IPv 4. Any objections?

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: I see none. Approved.

(No audio.

>> CHAIR: Draft Opinion 5, supporting multistakeholderism in Internet Governance. Any objection on Opinion 5?

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Approved. Draft Opinion 6, apologies, approved as modified, 5.

Draft Opinion 6, supporting operationalizing enhanced cooperation process. Any objections?

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: I see none, so approved as modified.

Ladies and gentlemen, now we break for coffee. We should come back at 4:15. Thank you.

(Please stand by during the coffee break.)

>> CHAIR: Can you please take your seats, ladies and gentlemen, so we can continue with the Forum.

Welcome back, ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to present to you and for you the adoption of my report. At this moment on the website the English version is posted. In the next few minutes we will have the versions of the other five languages. So if you can bear with us, please, the translators and interpreters are working as hard as they can, as fast as they can to help us.

I will slowly go over the report for the Fifth World Telecommunications/ICT Policy Forum for 2013. Just to describe what is in it. In part 1 of the report I briefly explain the history of the WTPF and the excellent preparatory process. It is highlighted the strategic dialogue and the importance offed about as a basic -- broadband as basic platform for progress and a basic platform to be enriched later into WTPF discussions. Then we go over the special guests, the keynote speakers, who had the floor the first day, the election of the Vice Chairs. The general Secretariat who presented the Secretary-General report. The preparation of the report followed by a successions of high level statements by the Member States and sector members.

The three Working Groups, the Chairs and the Vice Chairs of the Working Groups. The brief explanation of the work of the Working Groups and the Draft Opinions which have been revised and endorsed by the Working Groups.

In the part 2 of the report are the final version of the opinions, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. That is followed by the annex 1 which is the report of the Chairman of the Working Group 1 to the Plenary. We have the report of the Chairman of the Working Group 2 to the Plenary. The report of the Chairman of the Working Group 3 to the Plenary.

I hope the other versions -- Beatrice, have the other versions been posted yet? A few more minutes?

I would like to ask the sector members, country members, do they need more time to look at the report? Do they have any comments on the report? So we can continue further. Iran, you have the floor.

>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: Thank you, Chairman. We are grateful to you and to the Secretariat as so rapidly producing this report of the meeting. We looked very quickly into the report. This report, Chairman, is a report of the meeting and is not any treaty nor any recommendation, nor regulatory provisions. Our understanding is that the events that has happened has been properly reflected as faithfully as possible, taking into account of the time that you have available and taking into account that we need not write a book about what has happened. We need to summarize what has happened. I think you and the Secretariat have done that.

With respect to the six opinions we have already covered that. It has been approved. So we don't need to go through that again. With respect to the opening and so on, so forth, we don't have any comment on the statement of the speakers. That is their statement and fully respected. And will be taken into account by the colleagues as they wish.

The only suggestion, Chairman, the only suggestion that we have with respect to the report of the Working Group, we just take note of that because it is reflected in your own report. With that, Chairman, your work will be simplified and the adoption of the report will be simplified. This is based on our experience in the previous WTPF. The last one was in Lisbon, Portugal. It was a very, very outstanding way that they have run the meeting and the Deputy Minister who chaired the meeting, so on and so forth.

In our view, Mr. Chairman, we find nothing that needs further comment and perhaps we do not need to p on the report by detailed discussions and so on and so forth suggesting editorial changes, so forth and so on. If you for final publication if the Secretariat found any editing, that could be taken care of. We have every confidence in you with the report that has been prepared, Mr. Chairman and one way would be to adopt the report as it is. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much, Iran. Thank you for the kind words. In the spirit of how this whole process was started in democratic and transparent way, all with consensus, we would like to allow the members to comment on the report. If there are no other objections, I would like to request the endorsement on the Chairman's report.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. Now, we move to I think the most fun part of the Forum which is the closing ceremony. Now, because we are running -- well, we are actually early. The closing ceremony was supposed to start at 5:00 o'clock. I think we can continue with this. It is wonderful that we have been able to achieve this in the time which was set up front. Congratulations to the Secretariat for the proper time management. Would anybody else like to have the floor before we move on to the closing ceremony?

>> IEG APIC: Yes, Chairman. I wanted to say that I have found that the discussions that took place at the IEG and the very open and transparent format with very productive. I think many people share that and I was wondering whether perhaps the Secretary-General could, if that is a general feeling, could convey that to Council, indicating that this degree of openness and transparency seemed to have worked very well. Thank you, Chairman.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. IEG-URAX.

>> IEG-URAXS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to echo Mr. Hill's comments just now. I would like to send out a formal thanks to the Secretariat, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and a special thanks to the Member States for accepting us. I am honored and privileged to be here and I think a lot of people share the same sentiment. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. And Bulgaria, last.

>> BULGARIA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As a formal Chair of the IEG I should like to share a personal opinion and impression of mine during all this year of deliberations and work. The way in which the IEG was open to all stakeholders was a new initiative, new approach, a test and it has proven to be very successful and getting the best out of the knowledge and confidences every stakeholder. So I believe that this attitude deserves further encouragement and to the extent possible to to be repeated at the fora which are following after. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Kantchev. Ladies and gentlemen to start with the closing ceremony it has been an exciting three days and we have captured the spirit of debate in some photo highlights from the Forum. Let's spend some time and look at the photo montage.

Play, somebody, please?

(Music playing.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for the wonderful video. Now I have the pleasure to give the floor to Mr. Hamadoun Toure, the Secretary-General, to address the members. Secretariat?

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen. We have reached the conclusion of what has been a highly successful World Telecommunications/ICT Policy Forum. On Tuesday morning during the opening ceremony I noted that we are standing at the tipping point which in the Internet is a vital enabler of social and economic progress in the industrialized world. And the Internet as a valuable global resource and basic commodity of human life are everywhere. And I note the importance of bringing the remaining 4.5 billion people online and giving them access to the world's greatest library, the world's most active marketplace, and the world's greatest social gatherings.

With new technologies, new business models and increased affordability, the transition towards a fully connected world is set to accelerate, taking just one example, think of the impact of 50-dollar smart phones which was predicted earlier this week would become available over the next year or so. On the policy side, it is very encouraging that we are now seeing a more mature conversion, I should say a more mature conversation and greater understanding of all sides with many differences of opinion now being put behind us.

Indeed, I can feel very proud that we are able to engage here in a very constructive dialogue during this week here. This was the most productive world polity Forum I have ever seen and, of course, it was the most inclusive ever. Indeed, in building bridges and achieving consensus we have triumph offed. The world was listening. The world was watching and the world was participating through the meeting here in Geneva, through the webcast and by remote participation. We showed the world that we can discuss difficult issues with all stakeholders involved and emerge united and we will continue to engage with all stakeholder, with ICANN, ISOC, IATF and all other stakeholders in a positive spirit of collaboration. I must frankly say, we have received the same positive signal from them. And we will continue to do so.

Let me say once more that this event demonstrates a vital value of multilateral discussions. Much can be achieved through bilateral meetings, and only multilateral meetings can help decide international resources. Ladies and gentlemen, the output of the WTPF is not just an, interrelated public policy matters. I would like to use that, continue to use that word on the basis of the proposal by CNRI today. That was simply fantastic because we keep sometime talking about Internet governance and we may not have the same understanding on what we mean by governance. And I found that that is very relevant.

The output of the WTPF is not just an improved understanding of this policy, public policy matters. We also have some strong outcomes to support the ICT sector as it moves forward in the shape of the opinions concerning IXPs. This opinion will facilitate understanding of their vital role in promoting efficient interconnection and introducing Internet connection charges. I am also pleased that we have a strong opinion on enabling environment for broadband connectivity, a p topic which is very close to my heart and which will do much to improve broadband connectivity worldwide. The two opinions on IPv 4 and IPv 6 will help raise awareness of this important issue among ITU membership and facilitate the transition. Concerning the multistakeholder opinion, it is clear that there is still discussion about what multistakeholder means in reality. Nonetheless I am delighted that you all work closely together. So we have a good opinion on that.

As for enhanced cooperation, we will have an improved understanding of the importance of working together and indeed we are doing so in good states and with good intentions. These opinions will help expand connectivity and I will prove broadband access for all so that our work this week and the work done at the preparatory meetings has been well worthwhile. Ladies and gentlemen, it has been proposed to continue some of the dialogues such as the proposed seventh opinion. We have seven heavens, I thought we were going to have seven opinions, about we stopped at six.

And this is proposed by Brazil. The dialogue will continue in ITU Council group and other fora such as IGF and CSTD, not limited to those three. It could be any other. Depending on which of the membership and all the stakeholders.

But I would like to say to you as for the framework is concerned in the ITU, the ITU Council Working Group that will be discussing this, I will propose to that Council group to be open to all stakeholders in the sale format and I will bring that proposal to the ITU Council.

(Applause.)

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: I want to repeat, I will bring this proposal to the ITU Council this year in June, in just a month time frame. Therefore, we will have an opportunity to p approve that and to do just that.

On Monday before the Forum opened, we started a dialogue to give us fascinating insights from a range of different perspectives including leading executives, pioneers and regulatory leaders. We should always remind ourselves that participants broadly agreed that communication is a fundamental human need regardless of individual technologies or means of access. Twenty years on from libraryization there was still lively differences in opinion about how best to bring connectivity to the worlds and connect it. We heard strong differences of innovation and competition as well as pragmatic discussions about what needs to be done to ensure that broadband is accessible and affordable for everybody and not just to would be-third of the world population.

We have discussed on what needs to be done, but also what needs not to be done. Ladies and gentlemen, at the beginning of the Forum we discussed how important it was for us to acknowledge that all views needed to be respected, to be heard, and to be accommodated. And I urge you to put past differences aside, look ahead and discuss dialogue and consensus and indeed we had consensus here on six opinions.

I am delighted that you have achieved the consensus we are looking for. We have heard from Delegations large and small. I'm very pleased that everyone had a voice and a chance to be heard. And we had the chance to change the world. We were, there were no differences in this room, in the setting. Even in the countries, organizations, companies were in alphabetical order. Everyone has four chairs, four seats. There was no order in which people would be given the floor. Tensions were low. People were not frustrated. Of course, we are always limited by space sometimes in some of our meetings. We might have to limit those, but our intentions are good and we have proven it here. We really see from you that you have, that is what you needed and you have contributed. So I would like to thank you all for that.

The work here has been intensive and I appreciate the efforts put in by each and every one of you. Delegations have had their differences, but the positive spirit of engagement was remarkable. I am also delighted that so many of the Informal Expert Group members during this meeting and we were able to participate in the discussion. This is an opportunity for me to thank my good friend Petko Kantchev for participating in this group and what he has done today in this group. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Indeed the success we achieved is due in part to the thorough preparatory process. The IEG did a great job and really this type of experience is something that we will continue to work with. Let me now give you two numbers that goes some way towards describing the WTPF this week. We welcomed over 900 Delegates from would be hundred 24 Member States, including over 40 ministers, Deputy Ministers and Ambassadors. All the sessions including the press conference were webcast. And we had some 3,000 remote accesses to the webcast. We benefited from 120 hours of interpretation in the six languages of the union and all sessions were captioned allowing the entire Forum to be as open as inclusive as possible.

Some 900 pages of document, around 300,000 words were translated. And we still managed to use less paper than ever before, managing our world in an almost entirely paperless fashion.

Don't look at the few pages I have on my desk here. It is in case my iPad fails. So you always have a backup plan.

And from a communications perspective we actively engaged with key communities through social media, with many of our staff on Twitter supplemented with daily life social media blogging. And many people were commenting on the blue helmets. I hope you like it.

Before I close let me give sincere thanks on behalf of ITU to the Delegations which have taken part in the conference and the States that they represent. Let me thank all the private sector Civil Society members present here. I would particularly like to thank the Member States who have broadened their Delegations to include Civil Society and industry representatives. Let me once again encourage you Member States to follow this excellent example at future events. You have been doing so in some of our events. I think this is the place where it was most appreciated. So let's do it again.

I would like to thank again the IEG Chairman and all of the people who participated in the Working Group. Many have been present in Delegation and others have been following the conference remotely. Indeed, to all our remote participants out there, I say thank you. Thank you for contributing from wherever you are. Thank you to the Chairs, Vice Chairs and secretaries of the three Working Groups and to my fellow elected officials, my good friend Mr. Houlin Zhou, the Deputy Secretary-General. Mr. Malcolm Johnson and Houlin Zhou was sitting for me in the Plenary whenever I was outside and the three directors, Malcolm and ... were also following each of them one of the Working Groups.

So we distributed our work very well. So I would like to re-thank them very much for the support. You elected us together and over the past two and a half years we have been working as one. For the benefit of the union. As Secretary-General I feel very proud that this group is working together. I would like to thank, this would not have happened without the strong work of the Secretariat of this WTPF, my good friend and sister, Doreen Bogdan. I would like to give her a round of applause.

(Applause.)

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Doreen has been leading a great team of staff from the General Secretary and the three sectors alike. Working as one. This is the ITU wanted to show to the world. An ITU that works. I'm very proud of it.

So I would like to thank all the staff, the union who were working behind the scenes. We have been united for nearly 150 years in this union. So I am very pleased to see that we are still united and we are ITU strong.

As the ITU family we will continue in our key roles of supporting the ICT industry, negotiating complex standards, forging consensus and shedding light on the issues that really matter to all ICT stakeholder around the world. I feel that that is what we have achieved here and I am counting on you, our membership, to continue changing the world for the better as we move ahead. I am already looking forward to the next plenipotentiary meeting in Busan next year where many issues will continue to be discussed by all stakeholders.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me therefore close my by tushing to the Chairman, his Excellency Ivo Ivanoski. Ivo has played such a vital role in the work of the Forum. You have kept your good humor and your fine diplomatic skills in order throughout the Forum and it was our great honor to have you as our Chair. Thank you again, Minister Ivo Ivanoski.

Mr. Chairman, I have not mentioned the most important group here which is our interpreters who are working behind the scenes. They worked long hours in a very competent manner. I would like to thank them all.

(Applause.)

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Chairman, this is now my great pleasure and exceptional -- my great pleasure for your exceptional contribution and for sharing our journey I would like to present to you the certificate and the ITU silver medal. Thank you very much again.

(Applause.)

(No audio.)

>> SECRETARY-GENERAL: Again my apologies if I have forgotten anyone. It simply shows I'm a human being and I can make mistakes. And when you start listing people you always lose a friend because you forget one. It is not my intention. The one big thing that I forgot is to thank you all for coming. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Secretary-General. Now I open up the floor back to you before I make my closing remarks. You have the floor please. India.

>> INDIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Excellencies, Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Secretary-General, Honorable Chairmen, Vice Chairmens of the Working Groups, Distinguished Delegates, friends, ladies and gentlemen. Very good afternoon to all of you. Indeed it is my great pleasure to be here at the concluding session of the most successful World Telecommunication Policy Forum meetings. It gives me great pleasures to know that we all had healthy discussions and adopted six opinions which proved to be the cornerstone for the further development towards implementation of broadband use around the world.

First of all, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all Delegates for this Forum. I am indeed grateful to all of them and all of you. Mr. Chairman, the intellectual community when it sits together and deliberates on the issue with open and free mind can develop opinions which may be for a long time together. This Forum is an example of this. This opinion developed and agreed by all the stakeholders will bring about the positive environment for the broadband uses across the world. The consensus developed in this Forum is a testimony of this fact that we all the stakeholders are one when we think about the development of ICT for the common good of the world community.

Mr. Chairman, no individual persons, no individual company, no individual country can be complete. However together, we are all complete and well equipped to deal with any ensuing problem which has global conferences. I have full confidence that the active involvement of all the stakeholders will help the Internet and the broadband business to grow qualitatively and quantitatively for the good of mankind. Mr. Chairman, technology in general and ICT technology in particular can be considered as a tools which when used appropriately can provide the means to achieve anything which an individual or global community aspires. We all have been talking about the digital divide and coming divide among the nations and the communities.

However, the most fundamental divide which needs to be plugged or bridged is the level of understanding of technology and the fundamental scientific knowledge that creates this technology. If and when the gap of scientific and technology knowledge is bridged I'm sure all the types of inequalities in terms of the communities will be bridged. The more question is how to bridge the gap of understanding and basic technology and scientific knowledge, how to store, manage and the scientific technical knowledge with those who really needs it despite their locations. Broadband and the Internet are one solution. So the state of broadband as well as accessibility and affordability is the solution to bridge the gap of knowledge and information. In brief, the broadband community is the nervous system of the body to which knowledge and information can flow to keep the body empowered, to keep the body powered.

WTPF is helping with these six opinions to develop broadband services across the globe in spreading the information and knowledge for the benefit of mankind. Nothing can be as powerful of knowledge and information. This will help people to feel empowered, free from fear and poverty and instill a feeling of equality. We have to remind ourselves to technology has a dual use. Anything connected to the net is vulnerable and indeed we have to take necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of the network and everyone connected to it. One can protect a technology. I'm sure the multistakeholders under the ITU will continue to pursue higher knowledge to be used for the protection of the network and the elements. These are the fundamental elements for the development of the broadband services and ecosystems. Now to take it forward we the stakeholders need to plan an act appropriately to realize and implement the broadband services as the opinion.

Mr. Chairman, I take this opportunity to thank you and the Chairman of the working groups for providing a dynamic environment for this conference. I thank ITU for taking the opinions by involving all the stakeholders today and all the entire teams. I take this opportunity to thank all others for their consistent and untiring reports for the two and a half years for promoting these. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Egypt.

>> EGYPT: Mr. Secretary-General and Mr. Deputy Secretary-General and ITU Directors, Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates and ladies and gentlemen, I would like first to convey my sincere thanks to you, Mr. Chairman and to the Working Groups Chairpersons and Vice Chair persons for their wisdom in leading our discussions that helped reaching successful conclusion. I would like to extend our warm thanks to ITU Dr. Toure for his introductory remarks to this Forum that proves how open and willing the ITU is to engage in the international discussions in an open and inclusive manner on a very Delegate topic like the Internet.

Indeed, the presence of the high level Delegation from the ICANN who delivered a speech signaling that the previous divide we saw in the past decade is coming to an end. We are moving to a more productive phase where we can discuss our opinions. This will lead to a more open Internet.

I express thanks and appreciation to all Member States and stakeholders for the efforts extended in the positive spirit that prevailed in our meetings. The spirit of agreement and of trust has united us all in the professional and fruitful dialogue that made this Forum a big success, reflecting a full awareness and understanding of the importance of issues under discussion.

Ladies and gentlemen, during our Forum we have discussed and tackled several important issues that multistakeholderism is one of the important principles that should be preserved in any discussion touching on Internet Governance. While reviewing, amending or even introducing new mechanisms, the stability and security of the Internet must be maintained and further enhanced. That there is a need to further engage in a proactive dialogue on the role of governments in how to foster enhanced cooperation between all relevant parties.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to reiterate Egypt's invitation to everyone to participate in the upcoming World Telecommunication Policy Forum summit and WSIS review. Both events will take in Egypt in 2014. We look to the continuation of the same spirit that prevailed here that carried us to success in both events. And thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Egypt. United Arab Emirates?

>> UAE: Thank you, Chairman. Your Excellency Dr. Hamadoun Toure, Directors, ladies and gentlemen, as we conclude this meeting it is my pleasure on my own behalf and on behalf of the Delegation of the United Arab Emirates to express to you our congratulations and our great appreciation for your work. We would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on steering this Forum to success. Everyone has highlighted the spirit of fraternity and cooperation that free veiled in the course of the Forum that prevailed in the course of the Forum where we have had an opportunity to deal with very important issues. Whether you come from government or the private sector, Internet related public policy issues are extremely important. All of us are aware of how much effort ITU has put into this. We are grateful for that, and particularly to the Secretariat staff who worked so hard to organize things. Everyone who has tried to move their viewpoints closer together, that is laudable. We would also like to convey our thanks to the interpreters.

Our gratitude to the Secretary-General, his deputy and everyone who has worked so hard. Thank you very much. And may we wish you a safe trip home. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Iran, you have the floor please.

>> ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN: In the name of God the compassionate and merciful, it is exciting to see the Minister and also the Chairman of the Forum. First of all we are very, very happy and we are pleased to have you chairing this very important Forum which is the first unique happening in the life of the ITU. In the sense that it is the first transparent, open, democratic and inclusive, allowing everybody irrespective whether it is Civil Society, whether it is government, nongovernmental, sector member, anyone to attend this meeting. This is a great step which has been taken and we need, Mr. Chairman, perhaps if you allow to reflect that this should be repeated in the future in other events as the case may be, according to the situation and as appropriate.

Chairman, the important issue is not only that you have six opinions. We have also a very good report which reflects the views of everybody. Although there are pros and cons in that report with respect to each and every item, but that is good that we reflect all of the views.

Chairman, in this meeting because of this openness, inclusiveness and transparent and democratic way we started to understand each other, Chairman. We start to communicate with each other and we start to exchange views with each other in the most free atmosphere. Very friendly, respecting each other. No tension and no oppositions; just expressing views and launching arguments to better understand each other.

Chairman, the issue if it is in the same, which it still is, is the most complex, sensitive and delicate matter. We should not expect that we resolve the issue overnight. The important step that has been taken, Mr. Chairman, by now starting to communicate with each other, starting to embark on the problems and difficulties. Chairman, one of the most important elements that we need to continue to take into account is the inclusiveness. We could not resolve the issue by ourselves. We should not close the door and talk with ourselves. We should talk with each other. We should talk to other people. Listen to them and ask them to listen to us. With that, we could understand each other's problems and each other's difficulties.

With that understanding, we could be able to resolve this one of the most complex issues, Chairman.

At this meeting fortunately there was no criticism to any organizations, to any entity, we were very pleased to receive the contributions. The contributions of private sectors, Civil Society like ICANN, like ISOC and others, provide richness to this meeting, provide new ideas, provide new elements to this meeting, and try to improve the level of understanding and enable us to better tackle the problems. Chairman, we need to take into account that in the future, as I mentioned, we need to continue this matter and one of the elements is perhaps in the future maybe we need to also treat the information document slightly differently than today. Allow them to be presented and allow them to be discussed. If you want to be totally democratic and totally inclusive and totally open, no matter whether the information document or whether any other type of document. If there is any idea, it is respected. We have to listen and there might be good ideas.

Chairman, some of the input to this meeting from the Civil Society, from the private sectors, provide further clarity to us. I want just to refer to one of them. But this is not singling out. There are many. The information provided by RIPE-NCC gave us a better understanding about the legacy of IPv 4 that removes many anxiety and misunderstanding that these are lost. No, they mentioned and provided the information. There are many other elements that help us. We need, Chairman, to continue the atmosphere, the understanding and collaborations and cooperation with each other. This is the beginning, Chairman. This is not the end. This is the beginning. We have to continue. One thing that we need to emphasize and I have already mentioned that, with respect to the role of the government, no doubt government should not have any role in the day-to-day management of the Internet, but government needs to be listened. Views of the government with respect to the public policies, I emphasize with respect to the public policies need to be taken into account and need to be weighted in the future. That is very important, whether you put it in your report or add it to the report or not, but that is something that we have to mention.

Chairman, we thank you very much. We thank all the Chairmans of the group. We sincerely thank our distinguished Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and the elected officials and the Secretariat of the ITU and the Chairman of the group that they have tirelessly worked since many, many months and provided good material for us to discuss. I don't forget to mention Mr. Petko Kantchev, Chairman of the IEG, who tirelessly contributed to this before and after this meeting. We thank all the Delegates, Distinguished Colleagues and we hope to work with them in the future in an inclusive future.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for the kind words. Ivory Coast.

>> IVORY COAST: Thank you, Chairman. We wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the excellent way in which you have chaired the events of this Fifth WTPF. We have just adopted six important opinions dealing with the Internet. This I think is an excellent opportunity also, sir, to thank and congratulate the Secretary-General of the ITU, Dr. Hamadoun Toure on the way he contributed to this ITU and we would like to appreciate the spirit of cooperation that guided the participants. We welcome that very much indeed.

We should like to thank the ITU for the many initiatives which it has taken to help developing countries to promote and increase the uses of telecommunications and ICT. Our country has particularly benefited from ITU assistance in implementing various projects, including projects to strengthen our national Internet exchange point and to transition from IPv 4 to IPv 6, not to mention capacity building in our emergency response and incident teams.

This Forum, sir, has particularly emphasized the importance of the multistakeholder model for Internet Governance. We are happy to take this opportunity now to inform participants that in west Africa, we have an Internet Governance Forum event coming up in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire in July of this year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all participants from Africa and indeed from outside Africa to come and join us so that we can continue with the discussions we have already embarked upon in this Forum. We can ensure that the Internet will develop in the future and that ITU will thrive. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, we have three more and I will ask them to be concise and we will wrap it up. Russian Federation.

>> RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't want to thank all those that have been thanking by the previous speakers. Instead of reciting those remarks, I will quote Martin Luther King who said we have to learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools. Obviously, this Forum showed that we are not brothers yet, but we are not definitely the fools.

I would like in respect of above said, I would like to thank all of you first of all for the passions. And this unique ability of human beings to listen, understand, and accept views, statements, opinions that are sometimes unacceptable. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Bulgaria. Mr. Kantchev.

>> BULGARIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I've decided as the most senior person of the Chairs of the Working Groups to take the floor on my own. First, on behalf of the Chairs of the Working Groups I should like to thank you very much for the spirit of openness an freedom you have given to us. There was no imposition on anything. Any initiative was considered, shared and supported. The same is to be said for the elected officials, during the IEG and during this Forum, they helped us do everything to discharge our duty in the best possible way.

Mr. Chairman, I do not know what kind of miracles the ITU 6 in general is doing and his staff, but the people that are attached to this Forum and to the IEG beforehand have just done miracles. It is a pleasure to work with them. They are extremely efficient and every impossible task has become possible.

(Applause.)

>> BULGARIA: I would like to thank you through you to them. From what I hear and observe, I am coming to the conclusion that a new spirit of ITU starts to propagate. That is the spirit of collegiality, trust, openness and transparency. And I am pleased that this spirit will not disappear but will expand further. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much. The last is IEG CDT.

>> IEG-CDT: Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Chair, and Distinguished Delegates, my name is Matthew shears with Civil Society, IEG member and speaking on behalf of my IEG colleagues also from Civil Society (listing names.) I should also say that I'm speaking on behalf of the following Civil Society organizations and individuals, the associations of progressive communications, the Center for Democracy and Technology, the Center for Technology and Society, Brazil, Consumers International, the Internet Democracy Project, India Global Partners and Associates Access and William Drake from the University of Zurich and NCUC Chair.

Many Civil Society organizations are in the room and have traveled from Malaysia, U.K. are listening in via webcast including South Africa, Ivory Coast and others. Some are ECOSOC accredited yet their representatives are not able to take the floor. We would like to commend the ITU for steps taken to show more openness and inclusiveness in the WTPF process through IEG. The multistakeholder nature of the meetings and willingness of all stakeholders to work together were I believe instrumental in bringing about the incredible texts forwarded to the WTPF. At the same time we agree with many governments that the modalities of participation and contribution in the IEG and the WTPF were not clear. Had these modalities been clearer we could have anticipated more participation from stakeholders around the world and obviated some of the concerns expressed yesterday.

We have commented extensively on issues related to the participation of all stakeholder groups at the ITU and refer you to the statement from the best Civil Society Coalition and to the comments in document 6. We ask that the ITU make the PAY-BAS statement available as part of the report of the meetings. We are satisfied with the six draft forwarded from the IEG and just adopted. These opinions are important text that should help facilitate key development goals. We look forward to working with other stakeholders in implementing these opinions going forward. With regard to the role of stakeholders in the multistakeholder model we value and appreciate the discussion that was held in the Forum yesterday and today. We thought that the clarifying comments, amendments from Brazil to their earlier proposal were commendable, articulation of the opportunity and challenge that governments face. First, how to appropriately engage in the multistakeholder governance model. Second, how to ensure that there are mechanisms to facilitate such engagement. We are very sympathetic because we in Civil Society face some of the same challenges. We trust that Civil Society and all other stakeholders will be afforded the opportunity to be continue to participate fully in these discussions wherever they are held.

Of course, we are not only supporting the further engagement of governments on Internet Governance, we support the engagement of all stakeholder. When participating in meetings such as this there are challenges. We are here because we believe these meetings are important. Crucially that participating as an equal stakeholder in these discussions is our responsibility. To exercise these responsibilities we must have transparency, and inclusivity in processes. We call on ITU but all governments and organizations to ensure that their respective policy processes at national, regional and international levels are open, inclusive, transparent and that the mechanisms by which stakeholders can participate in the full and equal manner are well communicated. This would contribute significantly to furthering the involvement of all stakeholders including governments in the multistakeholder model.

If you'll permit me to carry on a little bit longer. We note as governments need enhanced cooperation from organizations and other stakeholders engaged in Internet Governance, nongovernmental actors need similar enhanced cooperation from government, ITU and intergovernmental organizations. Enhanced cooperation is a two way street. Finally, we appreciate the leadership of the Chair of Working Group 3 for guiding us through the discussion on how governments engage with the multistakeholder model. We need to have this discussion on a regular basis, not just for governments but for all stakeholders and we need to use all available fora to do so. We are equal stakeholders in this process and while we may not always agree, it is our responsibility to find common ground and ways forward together.

Our thanks to the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, to the Chairs for their excellent work and all distinguished participants. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Is this working? Now, ladies and gentlemen, allow me to address with the finishing remarks. When I was walking here this morning I found a lamp with a genie in it. I asked the genie one question, to grant me one wish: I told him I have a flight at 8:00 o'clock tonight. I have to go to Vienna. I have to wait there two hours, then fly to Macedonia. I asked him to build a four-lane highway from Geneva to Macedonia to get there. The genie responded that we have to dig a lot of tunnels, we have to build bridges, find a lot of farmland so we can put a lot of cement. The genie said it is going to be impossible to get the licenses from the environmentalists for this in this country.

I said can you find me a solution how to include governments in a multistakeholder Internet Governance model? The genie looked at me and said: I'll build your highway, but one lane only.

When I got the call from the Secretary-General to be the Chair the Fifth WTPF, I had to tell you it was a great honor for me and for my country, the Republic of Macedonia, to be here with you, together with you to set the path for the future of the Internet for us, our children and grandchildren. During one of the meetings, I asked the Secretariat and the Secretary-General, I said: What is the goal of the Forum? What is the outcome? We have six opinions. What is the meaning if we have four, five, six opinions with a consensus? And they told me if we have four of six, it's good. If we have five of six, it's great. So now I ask you, Dr. Touré, what if when you have six out of six in this Forum?

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: Well, ladies and gentlemen, the process that has been set by the International Telecommunication Union for the preparation of this Fifth WTPF of the topics and the opinions for the discussion is a great model that other multinational multistakeholder organizations need to follow. It gave an opportunity to all stakeholders to participate in all meetings, all debates, in person, online, offline, video conference, e-mailing, paper, mobile applications.

However, truly using all of the accessible routes in order to include as many parties as we can. This is the way it should be done and continue. These are important matters that we have addressed in the past few days and we have many more to discuss and continue in the spirit of openness. One of the great heros of Macedonia is Mother Theresa. She was born, raised and lived in Macedonia before moving to Ireland and India. She said when we work hard all day long, it feels like we are only a drop in the ocean. But if our individual drops were not in the ocean, the ocean will be dry. Each one of us is a drop in our ocean and without each one of you, we would be empty and we will be dry.

We have a great contribution during this Forum allowing each country member, each sector member, governments, civil service, nongovernmental organizations, private sector to contribute to take the floor as they wish an as they please. We heard during the IEG that I believe it was PayPal that had the floor 46 times. Well, ladies and gentlemen, our dear colleague from Iran had the floor 50 times during the past three days. Thank you for that. We very much appreciate it.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR: This is the spirit of this Forum, that everybody can discuss and contribute as much as they want and please and that was the whole point of setting up such a conference. This should encourage other organizations, this should encourage other members, should encourage every one of us to work harder, to appreciate the process of transparency in the opinions which were recommended and this should be the path that should be followed by many others.

I would like to thank all my Chairs of the Working Groups, the Vice Chairs, the Vice Chairs of the six regions and personally I would also like to thank Ms. Doreen Bogdan for the hard work that she has done, the Secretariat behind her, everybody else who contributed because they made my life and I think the life of all of us much easier. Thank you very much. Looking forward to seeing you in the future.

I now declare the Fifth WTPF conference closed.

(Applause.)

(The conference concluded at 5:35 p.m. CET.)

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