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Dear Dr. Touré,

I am writing on behalf of the Number Resource Organization, the coordinating body for the five [Regional Internet Registries \(RIRs\)](#) that manage the distribution of Internet number resources including IP addresses and Autonomous System Numbers. This letter also follows my latest correspondence to you, dated 29 February 2012.

We were pleased to learn that the fifth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) will be convened next year to address Internet-related public policy issues, in particular those raised in Resolutions 101, 102 and 133. We have been following closely the evolution of these resolutions since their inception, and we have expressed our satisfaction with the changes made at the last Plenipotentiary Conference in Guadalajara in 2010.

We see the next WTPF as a timely opportunity to address, in a multilateral, transparent and democratic manner, the means by which greater collaboration and coordination can be achieved between ITU and relevant Internet organizations, as called for in these Resolutions. We hope that the Report of the Secretary-General might address concretely how to operationalize these relationships, and we would like to express, through this letter, our intention and interest to participate in such discussions.

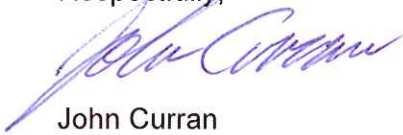
The NRO and, in particular, the RIRs that hold Sector Memberships at the ITU, wish to put forward two names for the Expert Group which will be charged with the responsibility for preparing for the Forum, as follows:

- Mr. Paul Wilson, Director General, APNIC
- Ms. Cathy Handley, Executive Director Government Affairs, ARIN

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Both are experienced individuals who can contribute substantially in the discussions to improve the relationship between ITU and the RIRs, as part of the ecosystem of Internet technical organizations. I trust that both of them can be included in the group and I am certain that they will be able to carry on in the same spirit as Resolutions 101, 102 and 133 as amended in Guadalajara.

Respectfully,



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