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for the Fifth World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technologies Policy Forum 2013

Subject: Comments from ARIN, on behalf of the NRO, to the First Draft of the Secretary General's Report

Dear Dr Touré,

On behalf of the Number Resource Organization (NRO), we would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit the following comments to the first draft of the Secretary General's Report for the 5th WTPF:

1. As we stated in the last letter of March 7 to the ITU Secretary General, the NRO sees the next WTPF as an opportunity to improve collaboration with the ITU.
2. We think that a discussion on Internet-related public policy issues, in particular those issues raised in Resolutions 101, 102 and 133, should be discussed in a multilateral, transparent, and democratic manner. A multi-stakeholder approach, where full participation of relevant organizations is welcomed, could be a key for success of the 5th WTPF.
3. The NRO has closely followed the evolution of Resolutions 101, 102 and 133 since their inception. We have welcomed the changes made at the last Plenipotentiary Conference in Guadalajara in 2010. In particular a new resolve, which is common in Resolutions 101, 102 and 103:

"To explore ways and means for greater collaboration and coordination between ITU and relevant organizations () involved in the development of IP-based networks and the future internet, through cooperation agreements, as appropriate, in order to increase the role of ITU in Internet governance so as to ensure maximum benefits to the global community*

() Including, but not limited to, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the regional Internet registries (RIRs), the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet Society (ISOC) and the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), on the basis of reciprocity."*

4. We note that in the first draft of the Secretary General's report for WTPF, there is no allusion to this important common Resolve. We hope that this will be addressed in the next reviews of the report, so that greater collaboration and coordination between ITU and relevant Internet organizations can be operationalized in the near future.
5. The NRO hopes that the group of experts that the ITU will assemble in preparation for WTPF will be inclusive and diverse. We have proposed, in the last letter sent on March 7 to the Secretary General, some names to be included in this Group and we look forward to his response.

As a final note, we would like to reiterate what has been said in our last letter from March 7, signed by the Chair of the NRO, and not yet acknowledged as a contribution to DM-12/1003:

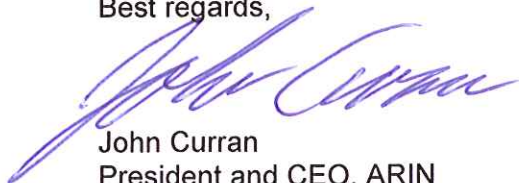
The NRO and, in particular, the many RIRs that hold a Sector Membership at the ITU, have coincided on the importance of the next WTPF and have agreed to propose two names forward, to be part of the group of experts which will be charged with the responsibility of preparing for the Forum:

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

Both are experienced individuals, and I am sure they can contribute substantially in the discussions to improve the relationship between ITU and the RIRs, as part of the ecosystem of Internet technical organizations.

Thank you and we look forward to collaborating further.

Best regards,



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