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Dear Secretary General,

I am writing to express BT's full support for the continuation of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

The IGF has already shown that its unique approach based on open, multi-stakeholder, non-binding discussions contributes a valuable input to the larger internet governance process by creating a place for the global community to come together and exchange ideas..

BT participated in both the WSIS process and the IGF and has welcomed the ability to contribute to the debates on many challenging issues. The format and structure of the IGF enables all parties to come to the table on an equal footing, sharing experience and exchanging best practice that benefits others. It allows the focus to remain on informative exchanges and open debate, as opposed to drafting and negotiating text.

It is essential that Internet policy decisions are taken with a broad understanding by all stakeholders of the options available, along with a clear understanding of how they impact the economic and social development of the global community. The IGF is an invaluable institution for furthering the collective knowledge of the internet policy community. The emergence of both national and regional IGFs that now feed into the IGF itself has greatly enriched the discussion required to facilitate that need. Furthermore, knowledge gained through participation in workshops and the dynamic coalition process. is proving very valuable to all participants.

In BT's opinion, it is only through the continuation of the IGF in its current form and structure that these benefits can be realised. BT looks forward to the continuation of this unique forum and the involvement of all stakeholders in furthering the development of the Internet and the benefits that it will bring.

Yours sincerely

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