



## **ISOC India Chennai Written statements for Taking Stock (of the 2009 and earlier meetings) and Looking Forward**

ISOC India Chennai applauds the good work done by the members of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group and the IGF Secretariat during the past four years. Members of the MAG and the Executives of the Secretariat have been committed to the IGF process and have been working without a sense of weekends and without any restriction on work hours. Their contribution to the IGF process has been invaluable.

We believe that the MAG may increase the frequency of its meetings during this year when the review process is underway. We emphasize that the merits of an extended IGF is appreciated by the UN and its organs and we urge the UN to extend the mandate for another five years. In this regard, the MAG may have to do everything possible to reach out to the UN and its organs to follow up on the positive recommendations of various stakeholders. In this task, the present and past members from the Government stakeholder group could take an active interest.

Even in the next phases of the IGF, we consider it important that the UN Secretary General continues to convene the IGF; We are opposed to any proposal for an enhanced role for the ITU in the renewed IGF. If the UN so wishes, it could consider several models of transition, all with a continued mandate from the United Nations, possibly with a independent model of funding.

As the IGF transitions into its next phase with an extended mandate, we wish that the MAG balances its membership equitably between various stakeholder groups. We also believe that the serving members of the MAG should have a significant role in the selection of new members of the MAG.

In the context of extending the IGF's mandate, it becomes crucial to review the constitution of WSIS, which in its inception was a forum organized by the ITU, which is an organization that needs to be balanced for several reasons. The MAG may have to address this imbalance at WSIS and find a way to recommend multi-stakeholderization of the WSIS with due recognition to the ITU as an important organization within the business stakeholder group.

As suggestions for specific improvements to the structure of the IGF, we wish to suggest that the IGF may introduce a participatory process to design the main sessions at the annual IGF. The IGF also has to become a continuous process. The Secretariat may facilitate continuous activity among the IGF participants by enhancing the features of the official IGF web to the level of a collaborative portal. Just the same way MAG and Secretariat processes workshop proposals for the annual IGF, even at its portal, themes, constitution of the discussion groups and its moderation of the discussions may have to be streamlined by a

similar process to ensure balanced multi-stakeholder participation in the continuous discussions.

We also reiterate our earlier suggestions to summarize sessions and prepare position papers on issues to serve as a reference guide the policy makers in their work related to Internet Governance.

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