

## **Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair Call #2**

*Wednesday, 25th January, 2017*

**Attending:** Argentina, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, UK, US

**Apologies:** Estonia, Costa Rica, Norway

### **MINUTES**

#### **Housekeeping**

- Friends were updated on the implementation of the San Jose Work Plan by the Terms of Reference Working Group (TORWG), Funding Coordination Group (FCG) and Support Unit (SU):
  - The US reported to the Friends that the work of the TORWG was progressing according to plan, with the next call to be held on February 2.
  - SU presented the action plan, budget and budget narrative on behalf of the FCG:
    - The budget outlines the costs of the Coalition over three years split into three priority areas in order to help differentiate and prioritize different costs;
    - The FCG received no additional comments on the documents during the call; comments to be submitted in written form.
  - SU presented a suggested way forward for implementation of designated actions points on the [San Jose Work Plan](#). Members approved:
    - Suggested plan for goal 2.2;
    - SU proposal to coordinate with TORWG and FCG for implementation of goals 2.3 and 3.2 in order to ensure overlap in work is handled in the most effective and useful way.
- Members discussed next steps for issue areas identified by the Coalition:
  - This agenda point stemmed from a request at the Strategy and Coordination meeting in Guadalajara to brief members on identified issues to help inform FOC coordination efforts.
  - Members agreed to use the suggested issues as input to frame the FOC meeting in Stockholm.
  - Members supported Germany's proposal to seek to organize a briefing on encryption on the margins of RightsCon.

**Action Point >>** Friends to give any final feedback on action plan & budget by COB Wednesday, February 1

**Action Point >>** SU to use issue submissions as input for the FOC event at the Stockholm Internet Forum

**Action Point >>** SU to follow up with Germany and the Netherlands on the proposal to hold a briefing on encryption at RightsCon

#### **Coordination**

- SU presented the Swedish government's proposal to host a Coalition meeting during the Stockholm Internet Forum (SIF) in May 2017.

**Action Point >>** SU to liaise with government of Sweden to move forward with planning FOC SIF meeting

#### **Joint Activities**

- US presented first draft of joint statement on network disruptions:
  - The joint statement came out of discussions at FO Costa Rica, and has been drafted by the governments of the US and Ghana;
  - The US encouraged members to give feedback in order to improve the language and substantive content of the documents.

#### **Updates on Working Groups**

- SU gave updates on the Working Groups based on the outcomes of the Working Group co-chair coordination call, held on 17 January, and available [here](#).

#### **AOB**

- Members discussed FOC participation at RightsCon 2017.