



FOC Friends of the Chair Call #3

Wednesday 22 February

Attending: Canada, Costa Rica, Estonia, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, US

Apologies: Argentina, UK

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):
 - TORWG: The group will be holding its next call on February 24. Once the edits are consolidated, the Group will have until March 3 to review, after which the draft of the revised TOR will be circulated to the broader Coalition.
 - FCG: Comments on the FOC Action Plan, Budget and Budget Narrative have now been incorporated.
 - SU: The SU reported that work has started on goal 2.2 of the SJWP with stocktaking of the existing FOC networks in Paris, Geneva and New York now underway.
- Members discussed FOC Chairmanship

Coordination

- SU gave update on FOC event during the Stockholm Internet Forum in May 2017 and presented the draft agenda
- SU gave an update on FOC activities at RightsCon:
 - A closed informal Coalition meeting, accompanied by a briefing on encryption being organised by Germany and the Netherlands
 - A public launch of the forthcoming FOC Joint Statement on Network Disruptions (this is part of the official RightsCon program)
 - TORWG stakeholder consultation
- US, Netherlands, Canada, Germany and Norway confirmed they are attending RightsCon

Joint Activities

- US gave an update on the draft of joint statement on network disruptions
 - The document has been circulated to the Friends of the Chair, and once the comments are consolidated the final draft will be circulated to the broader Coalition for comments until February 27th.
 - A one week silence procedure will then be initiated, ending on March 13
- Germany thanked members for their quick action in drafting and signing-off the FOC joint statement relating to Human Rights in the UN GGE (Group of Governmental Experts in the Field of ICT in the Context of International Security)
 - The statement was delivered just before the meeting started, with printed copies distributed by the UN GGE secretariat.
 - Germany will report back with more information once the UN GGE session ends

Outreach

- Canada reported that their Digital Inclusion Lab hosted a successful event on February 15-16 looking at leveraging technology for countering online hate.

Action >> Canada to share report of event with members

Updates on Working Groups

- SU/WG co-chairs gave updates on Working Groups

AOB

- Members decided to cancel the March Friends of the Chair call and replace it with an informal meeting at RightsCon
- The Netherlands reported that they launched their international cyber strategy. Within this, they highlighted that the FOC is mentioned as an important part of their human rights strategy.