



FOC Friends of the Chair Informal Meeting Adjacent to RightsCon
Wednesday 29 March

Attending: Canada, Costa Rica, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK, US;
FOC Support Unit
Apologies: Argentina

MINUTES:

Briefing on encryption

- Joris van Hoboken and Wolfgang Schulz presented the highlights of the recent UNESCO study on encryption, which they co-authored. This was followed by a presentation on international forums where encryption policy is being discussed by Richard Wingfield, legal officer at Global Partners Digital. Presentations were followed by a Q&A. The briefing was organised by the governments of Germany and Netherlands.

Housekeeping

- Updates on implementation of the [San Jose Work Plan](#) (SJWP):
 - The US gave an update on the Terms of Reference Working Group (ToRWG):
 - A draft version of the revised ToR has been circulated to all Coalition members for comment
 - Consultations have been carried out with stakeholders on the margins of RightsCon 2017, using a summary of the draft ToR. Further teleconference consultations will be held next week, with an additional opportunity to submit written input. Once all input is received, the comments will be incorporated and the final draft will be sent out to the Coalition for clearance under silence procedure.
 - SU gave an update on the progress towards goal 2.2 of the SJWP and the stocktake of the Paris, Geneva and New York diplomatic networks currently underway. The results of this will be presented on the next Friends of the Chair call.
- Members discussed the status of FOC Chairmanship.

Coordination

- SU gave an update on formal and informal FOC-related activities at RightsCon 2017.
- Sweden gave an update on the FOC event adjacent to the Stockholm Internet Forum (SIF) in May 2017:
 - SIF will be hosted by SIDA with a theme of 'access and power';
 - 450 people will be attending SIF, with SIDA funding approximately 300 participants. To increase participation, SIDA has been working with Swedish embassies and local internet forums, and Sweden is funding all participants from ODA member countries, including government representatives;

- All governments should have received invitations. If not, members should contact the government of Sweden.
- Members discussed the agenda of the FOC event adjacent to SIF:
 - Members discussed the proposed FOC action plan template for 2017-18
 - Members discussed agenda, objectives and invitation process the stakeholder session.
 - Members discussed the process to decide priority issues and forums for diplomatic coordination for 2017-18.

Action Point >> SU to incorporate FotC comments on action plan template and circulate consolidated version to the Coalition pre-SIF

Joint Action

- US gave an update on the FOC joint statement on network disruptions:
 - The joint statement and good practices for governments document cleared silence procedure and was presented to an audience of internet-related stakeholders at a panel session on Day 3 of the official RightsCon agenda at the session [Freedom Online Coalition: Multilateral Approaches to Network Disruptions](#)
 - The statement has been published on the FOC website, [here](#), and advertised via the FOC social media channels. A link to the tweet sent out via the FOC twitter is available [here](#).
- Germany reported back on 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)