



Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair Call #5

Wednesday 31 May 2017

Attending: Canada, Estonia, Germany, US; Support Unit (SU)

Apologies: Argentina, Costa Rica, Netherlands, Norway, UK

DRAFT MINUTES

Housekeeping

- Members discussed updates on the FOC Chairmanship.
- Members approved Finland's request to join Friends of the Chair Group.
- Members discussed updates on implementation of the [San Jose Work Plan](#) (SJWP):
 - Operationalising the Stockholm TOR: Members discussed next steps on priority protocols [member responsibility and accountability, stakeholder engagement]
 - SU updated members on outstanding SJWP action points:
 - Goal 2.2*: Report on diplomatic networks is being finalised and will be circulated shortly
 - Goal 2.3**: Reinstating work on this, following the completion of the Stockholm ToR
 - Goal 3.2***: Once Action Plan 2017-18 completed, the SU will start work on this goal
- SU updated members that finance discussions are underway to close the outstanding funding gap for 2017 and 2018.

Action Point >> SU to inform Finland of approval and include in group going forward.

Coordination

- N/A

Joint Activities

- Members discussed draft Action Plan 2017-18 and decided next steps
 - Members to provide feedback on the Action Plan, after which the SU will consolidate feedback and circulate to the broader Coalition for final review.
- US updated Friends on learning call on Network Disruptions:
 - US reported that planning was going well with AccessNow and GNI, and proposed to include David Kaye, the Special rapporteur for the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression on the call. In order to do this, members agreed to push back the call till after the Human Rights council session, to take place on June 29th.

Action Point >> Members to give feedback on Action Plan **by COB Tuesday 6 June.**

Action Point >> US to circulate draft agenda and information about learning call to members.

Outreach

- Members discussed approach to outreach in light of Stockholm TOR:

AOB

- Estonia reported that the next Plenipotentiary of the ITU will take place in Dubai 29 October - 16 November 2018.

*Develop a plan to formalize and strengthen networks among FOC member missions in key multilateral forums

**Develop a consistent structure and operating procedure to improve planning for and enhance the value of the Coalition's Annual Conference;

***Explore opportunities to maximize the impact of local FOC networks and coordinate and collaborate with similar organizations that share the Coalition's objectives