



Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair: Call #6  
Wednesday, 28 June, 2017

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

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

#### Housekeeping

- The Friends welcomed the government of Finland to the Group
- Updates on implementation of the San Jose Work Plan (SJWP):
  - Operationalising the Stockholm Terms of Reference (ToR):
    - Members reviewed draft proposal for protocol on Member review, termination and withdrawal
    - Members reviewed proposed models for Advisory Network
      - The SU presented three options for the form of the Advisory Network (AN) informed by desk research of different models that already exist in the field. The three options differ depending on their size and scope, and implications for the AN Terms of Reference were also illustrated.
      - Members discussed the options
      - Members agreed to consult internally and provide written comments on revised options to be circulated by SU that reflect points raised by the FotC.
  - SU updated Members on outstanding SJWP SU action points
    - Goal 2.2 has now been completed, and the report outlining recommendations is ready to be shared with the Coalition for consideration
    - Goal 2.3 is underway, with stocktaking of previous Conference processes, templates and planning documents being undertaken
    - Goal 3.2 will commence once the objectives of the Coalition have been confirmed in the Action Plan 2017-18
  - The SU updated Members on FOC finance:
    - The SU thanked the Funding Coordination Group for their efforts in securing existing funding arrangements

**Action Point >>** Members to consult internally on revised options for Advisory Network once circulated by SU and provide written comments within two weeks.

#### Coordination

- The SU and US reported that the FOC Open Forum application has been submitted for the Internet Governance Forum 2017.

#### Joint Activities

- Members discussed draft Action Plan 2017-18 and decided next steps
  - Members discussed the need to identify activities that are feasible to accomplish by the end of 2017
  - Members agreed that work has already been started on objective 1, and so should be prioritised in 2017 to ensure efforts are not wasted
  - Members agreed to consult internally on the draft and provide written comments which will be consolidated and discussed on the next Friends of the Chair call
- The US reported back on the joint learning call on Network Disruptions co-hosted with the Global Network Initiative and AccessNow

- UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, David Kaye, provided an overview of the analysis of government-sponsored disruptions and service restrictions from his new report on the Internet and Telecommunications Industry. Many of his recommendations were already in the FOC Good Practices document on Network Disruptions;
- A personal report of how users in Anglophone Cameroon were affected by the 93-day disruption in 2017 was given, including how citizens mobilized #bringbackourinternet and what sort of support they received from the international community;
- The US gave an overview of the FOC's March 2017 Joint Statement on Network Disruptions and accompanying Good Practices Document, and how they can be used by stakeholders;
- GNI presented on a forthcoming tool to help internet and telecommunications companies and other stakeholders respond to disruptions;
- GNI and AccessNow were very happy with the call, and over 70 Participants attended with the conversation following Chatham House rules.

**Action Point >>** Members to consult internally on Action Plan and provide comments by COB 13 July.

**Action Point >>** SU to share GNI tool with the Coalition.

#### Outreach

- Members reviewed the Coalition's outreach strategy in light of Stockholm and agreed to consult with their geographic desks.

**Action Point >>** Members to consult with their respective geographic desks to inform outreach strategy.

#### AOB

- Canada announced that their FOC and internet freedom file has moved internally within Global Affairs Canada. It now lies with the Digital Inclusion Lab
- Netherlands updated Members that they will be funding the translation of FOC documents to French.

**Action Point >>** Members to look into their funding options for 2018

**Action Point >>** SU to assist Netherlands in collating documents to translate