



## Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair: Call #11

Wednesday, 24 June, 2015

**FOC members in attendance:** Canada, Costa Rica, Estonia, Germany, US

**Apologies:** Mongolia, Norway, UK

**Chair:** FOC Support Unit

### MINUTES:

#### Housekeeping

- Friends of the Chair members congratulated Costa Rica for taking on the chairmanship for 2015-2016 and look forward to working together for a successful year
- US gave the Friends of the Chair an update on progress with the internal review process.
- Members gave feedback to the Friends of the Chair on technical platforms to facilitate Coalition-wide calls
  - The US offered the use of their conference line as it can accommodate 100+ callers.
  - Canada also said they had a similar conference platform which could keep track of those wishing to speak in coalition-wide calls – the Support Unit agreed to follow this up with Canada and the US.

**Action >> FOC Support Unit** to schedule call with Costa Rica to brief them on background information, relevant roles and responsibilities and the tasks involved in the year ahead.

**Action >> FOC Support Unit** to follow up with US and Canada on the best platform for Coalition-wide calls, and confirm who will be coordinating them.

#### Outreach

- Support Unit and members gave updates on outreach activities in the past month

#### Coordination

- Canada gave an update on planned dates for FOC New York network
  - As members thought it would be unwise to combine having a Strategy and Coordination meeting and the Network meeting at the same time, it was decided that only the NY Network meeting would take place in September.
- Strategy and Coordination Meetings
  - Members agreed the next Strategy and Coordination meeting will most likely take place parallel to the IGF in November.

- If there is an opportunity to hold another Strategy and Coordination meeting before then this will be announced with good notice, however the Friends think this is unlikely.
- Estonia gave an update from the Human Rights Council in Geneva
  - Estonia thanked Coalition members for their feedback and input for the FOC joint statement at the Human Rights Council. The statement was read on behalf of the Coalition by the Ambassador of Mongolia on Monday, June 22 under Agenda Item 3 General Debate.

**Action >> Canada** to keep members updated on the date and agenda for the New York Network

#### Joint Activities

- US gave members an update on the status of the draft statements on data localisation and cross border threats to freedom of expression

**Action >> US** to finish draft statements and send round to Coalition for feedback

#### Updates on Working Groups

- FOC Support Unit gave an update on Working Group activities:
  - WG1: Group members elected Matthew Shears of CDT as their new non-governmental co-chair (replacing Ron Deibert). The group is working on furthering the progress on the cybersecurity definition, the accompanying narrative and draft recommendations to embed human rights in cybersecurity debates.
  - WG2: The group has a call scheduled this week to iron out their workplan focussed on two areas: rule of law and freedom of expression; and rule of law and data protection and privacy.
  - WG3: The group is working on deciding its workplan for the year ahead and will be opening a call for members in the next few weeks.
- Canada updated members on the revision of the Working Group TOR
  - Canada thanked Coalition members for their feedback and will send a revised version round early next week for final approval.

**Action >> Canada** to send round final draft of Working Group TOR to Coalition for approval early next week

#### AOB

- Friends of the Chair members discussed response to Telecommunications Industry Dialogue letter presented prior to the last Friends of the Chair call.

**Action >> FOC Support Unit** to draft basic response to the Telecommunications Industry Dialogue letter and send round to Friends of the Chair for input