



Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair Call #24.

Minutes

Wednesday, 28th September, 2016.

Attending: Canada, Costa Rica, Estonia, Germany, Netherlands (NL), Support Unit (SU), UK, US.
Apologies: Mongolia, Norway.

Housekeeping

- UK/US gave an update on the Strategic Review and the status of the San Jose Statement
 - The San Jose statement was based on the SRWG recommendations, and has been circulated to the broader coalition.
 - Edits and comments mostly focused on fine tuning the statement, with the general direction and message of the text agreed upon.
- Costa Rica/SU gave an update on Annual Conference preparations
 - Conference preparations are progressing well - with over 300 registered attendees thus far.
- SU provided further information on the programme
 - The programme for the Conference is being finalised, with opening plenaries near completion.
 - Rooms for Working Groups to meet will be provided. Aiming to host these meeting rooms in the same venue as the Conference, and to have them booked for the evening on Sunday.
- Members discussed expressions of interest for the next FOC Chair

Outreach

- There were no updates on outreach activities.

Coordination

- Members discussed the agenda for the upcoming Strategy meeting in Costa Rica

Action>>> SU to make amendments recommended by Friends to the agenda.

Joint Activities

- Canada gave an update on joint statement on the WG1 recommendations
- Members discussed their response to the letter regarding internet and media blockage in Kashmir

Updates on Working Groups

- There were no specific updates on Working Group activities.

AOB

- Members were asked to inform the SU of any upcoming events to include in the October edition of the FOC newsletter. NB: this will be a special edition focusing on FO2016.