

## **Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair Call #22.**

### **Minutes**

*Wednesday 29th June, 2016.*

Attending: Canada, Costa Rica, Estonia, Netherlands, Germany, UK, US.

Apologies: Mongolia.

#### Housekeeping:

- US/UK gave an update on the progress of the Strategic Review.
  - The UK reported on a successful meeting of the Strategic Review Working Group (SRWG) held in Brussels on 7th June, hosted by the Netherlands, and attended by US and UK (co-chairs), Netherlands, Costa Rica, Canada, Estonia and Sweden, and assisted by the Support Unit.
- The SRWG agreed three output documents to be presented at the FOC's Annual Conference to be held in San José, Costa Rica:
  - "Declaration" reaffirming commitment of FOC members to the aims and objectives of the Coalition;
  - An update to the operating procedures for the Coalition, building on those agreed in Nairobi in 2012; and
  - An assessment of the developments within the Coalition and its work over the past five years, to be produced by the Support Unit based on their evidence base of meetings, attendances and policy outputs.
- The US gave an update on the status of the survey circulated among FOC members which will shape these outputs:
- Costa Rica/SU gave an update on the Annual Conference preparations.
- Members agreed for a subscription button for the newsletter to be added to the FOC website.

#### Outreach:

- SU/Members gave an update on outreach activities.

#### Co-ordination:

No further updates.

#### Joint Activities:

No further updates.

#### Updates on Working Groups:

- SU/WG Co-Chairs gave an update on Working Groups:
  - Working Groups reported that they are focusing on preparations for the Costa Rica Conference, and are on track.
  - Netherlands informed the group that they are discussing their status as WG1 co-Chairs with other governments participating in the Group.

Any Other Business:

- Estonia reminded members of the Internet Freedom Day on the 9th September, 2016.
  - This is being co-organised by Germany and Estonia and will be held in Strasbourg.

**Action >>>** Support Unit to circulate Conference concept note to the FOC

**Action >>>** Friends to update the Support Unit on any events they wish to have included in the FOC Newsletter.

**Action >>>** Estonia to circulate information on the Internet Freedom Day to the FOC