

**Freedom Online Coalition – Friends of the Chair Call #21
Thursday 26 May, 2016.**

Attending: Germany, Netherlands, Canada, United States and Costa Rica.
Apologies: UK, Norway, Mongolia, Spain.

Minutes:

Housekeeping:

US gave a progress report on the Strategic Review and the SRWG meeting.

- Independent report has been published and circulated
- Members were informed about the SRWG meeting in Brussels on 7 June, which will be hosted by the Dutch mission there.
- Documents that will be used as input for the Review are:
 - Independent Report by Susan Morgan
 - Results of a survey aimed at FOC members created by Canada
 - A framing paper authored by the UK
 - “FOC at Five” paper, authored by the SU, which will include an institutional stock-take of the Coalition and its evolution
 - Internal position papers authored by individual Coalition member states

Costa Rica/SU gave an update on Annual Conference preparations.

- The FO 2016 concept note is expected to be finalised within the next two weeks
- The proposed Conference programme structure has incorporated feedback and now contains specially designated slots for all three working groups
- Members discussed budgetary issues.
- Members expressed thanks to the Costa Rican government for the financial and planning support.
- CR informed members of progress on developing corporate sponsorship schemes.

Action >>> Canada to circulate the survey to the wider FOC membership.

Action >>> US to reach out to corporate contacts to discuss sponsorship funding packages.

Action >>> SU to produce the “FOC at Five” paper.

Outreach:

Members/SU gave updates on outreach activities

Coordination:

Members discussed potential dates for next Strategy and Coordination Meeting.

- Members agreed that the next full meeting will likely be at the FOC Conference in Costa Rica.
- Members agreed to apply for an FOC Open Forum session at IGF 2016, and agreed to organise an informal meeting between Coalition members and civil society.

Action>>> US to draft application for a FOC Open Forum at IGF 2016 (20 June deadline.)

Joint Activities:

US updated Friends on the HRC Internet Freedom resolution.

Action >>> US to provide more information on Internet Freedom resolution text negotiations as it progresses.

Updates on Working Groups:

SU/WG co-chairs gave an update on Working Groups

- WG1 is currently in the second phase of endorsements for its recommendations

- WG3 is planning to work with UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression David Kaye to organise a side session at the upcoming Human Rights Council session on business and human rights and will circulate details to Coalition members when ready.

Action >>> SU to contact David Kaye to discuss the release date for his upcoming report. This will help the Friends draft a response.