

ANNOTATED AGENDA

HLIG meeting, 18 March 2013,

14.00 - 17.30,

Avenue de Beaulieu 25 , Room 0/S1, 1160 Brussels.

- 1. Opening remarks - Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Presentation of the cybersecurity strategy**

The European Commission, together with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, published in February a cybersecurity strategy. Alongside a Commission proposed directive on network and information security (NIS). The Commission would like to present the Strategy and the Proposed Directive to the Group for discussion.

The cybersecurity strategy – "An Open, Safe and Secure Cyberspace" - represents the EU's comprehensive vision on how best to prevent and respond to cyber disruptions and attacks. This is to further European values of freedom and democracy and ensure the digital economy can safely grow.

The proposed NIS Directive is a key component of the overall strategy and would require all Member States, key internet enablers and critical infrastructure operators such as e-commerce platforms and social networks and operators in energy, transport, banking and healthcare services to ensure a secure and trustworthy digital environment throughout the EU.

- 3. Preparation of upcoming World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF), Geneva, May 2013**

The World Telecommunications Policy Forum (WTPF) will take place in Geneva on 14-16 May, preceded by a "strategic dialogue" related to the event. The WTPF is organised by the ITU and the theme for this year's event will be "International Internet-related public policy matters".

European coordination within CEPT will have taken place in Istanbul on 5-6 March and it would be useful for the HLIG to review preparations and EU objectives for the event. It would be particularly useful if Member States preparing draft opinions for the WTPF could provide short presentations to HLIG colleagues.

- 4. ICANN issues. Reporting of the European GAC members meeting in Brussels and information on the main points of discussion at the 46th ICANN meeting in Beijing**

The European Commission will briefly report on the conclusions of the European preparatory meeting of 14-15 February 2013, during which the members of the Internet Informal Group

(European members of the Governmental Advisory Committee of ICANN) discussed the main items that are expected to be on the agenda of the GAC meeting in Beijing (April 2013).

5. IGF

Debrief from the IGF consultations and MAG meeting

The IGF consultations took place at the end of February following the WSIS+10 review meetings. The Commission was present and while it deems the meeting was successful in floating interesting topics for discussion it lacked focus and operational features. Members of High Level Group are invited to offer thoughts on how to render the MAG deliberations more effective.

Financing of the IGF secretariat

The recent IGF consultations have highlighted that the problem of the financing remains a major concern. The Commission, Switzerland and 3 other Member States finance 53% of the IGF secretariat. High Level Group Members are asked to state whether it is possible for them to work on providing some financing of the IGF. Participants are also asked to provide ideas on how to increase financing from the business sector.

6. **WSIS + Review, WSIS+10 preparatory meeting (25-27 February) reporting information point)**

The European Commission will briefly report on the WSIS+10 Review Meeting which took place at UNESCO from 25 to 27 February 2013. The European Commission also intends to discuss with HLIG members on the most appropriate ways to ensure EU coordination in the context of the WSIS review process.

7. AOB