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## **ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**HLIG meeting, on 2 October 2013, 10.00 - 17.00,**

**Centre Albert Borschette, Room 3B, 1040 Brussels.**

- 1. Opening remarks - Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. eIDAS: Presentation of the Legislation Team Task Force**

On 4 June 2012, the European Commission has adopted a proposal for a Regulation "on electronic identification and trusted services for electronic transactions in the internal market" (eIDAS Regulation). The European co-legislators, namely the European Parliament and the Council, are currently doing their first reading according to the ordinary legislative procedure.

The proposed eIDAS Regulation will:

- Ensure mutual recognition and acceptance of electronic identification across borders;
- Give legal effect and mutual recognition to trust services including enhancing current rules on e-signatures and providing a legal framework for electronic seals, time stamping, electronic document acceptability, certified electronic delivery and website authentication.
- Replace the existing electronic signature Directive 1999/93/EC.

Andrea Servida, Head of the Legislation Task Force will give an update to the Group.

### **3. Informal discussions on Internet organisational issues**

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the EU position going forward on key principles related to the multi-stakeholder model .

Given the ever growing debate on the role of governments in internet governance how should the EU position itself? The European Commission is trying to reach out to middle ground countries with the GIPO initiative. Various initiatives in international organisations have popped up and require a coherent approach.

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One of the more defined proposals made was the one by Brazil in the WTPF. They promised continue discussions within ITU. CSTD is addressing this issue.

At the same time a deeper philosophical debate is necessary to address these demands from several our developing partners.

- Which guiding principles should the European Union establish in this debate?
- What would be the most appropriate forum for this discussion?
- What more can Europe do to be a steward of multi-stakeholder values?

To introduce the debate Peter Major (CSTD Chair) has been invited to introduce the subject and present the state of play within CSTD. Members of the HLIG will be invited to a tour de table on this topic.

#### **4. Internet Governance Events**

**IGF 2013 Preparation:** Members of the HLIG are asked to report on the state of preparation for Bali including political attendance, participation in the workshops and assessment of the debate.

**WSIS Summit 2015 in Sochi:** The European Commission in its bilateral dialogue with Russia has learnt of their proposal for a WSIS summit. Members are invited to share their intelligence in the UN context with a view to agreeing on a common line.

#### **5. ICANN issues**

The Governmental Advisory Committee of ICANN had its 47th meeting in Durban, South Africa, 14-18 July 2013. The most contentious issue during the meeting was the discussion on .wine and .vin. The 30 day period was followed by a letter from the GAC chair where she basically overruled the Beijing consensus by stating that there was no consensus on the strings and furthermore advised the ICANN board that the applications could proceed through the normal evaluation process. This letter was responded by a letter from Linda Corugedo Steneberg to the GAC chair. Furthermore, a letter from Vice president Kroes to ICANN's chairman of the board and to the ICANN CEO was sent, reinitiating our position that, despite major efforts following Beijing and Durban, we have still not been able to reach new consensus on the matter of .vin and .wine, but that we are confident that a suitable solution can be found in negotiations between GI right holder organisations and the applicants and that we until there is such a solution, we expect that ICANN does not go further in the delegation of the two strings.

EU coordination on the topics for GAC discussion will take place through the IIG. This meeting can however serve HLIG members to raise topics of concern. An ICANN representative will also be invited to update the HLIG on its views regarding the wider Internet governance issues and provide an update regarding the use of .eu in Greek and Cyrillic.

#### **6. AOB**

HLIG members are invited to suggest items for discussion in advance of the meeting.