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To

ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates & Academia

Subject: **Invitation to all stakeholders to participate in the online open consultations of CWG-Internet: to elaborate and exemplify on the challenges faced and identify widely accepted best practices for the design, installation and operation of IXPs**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the relevant instruction of the 2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, in its [Resolution 102 \(Rev. Busan 2014\)](#), the ITU Council at its 2015 session revised Council Resolution 1344, "The modality of open consultation for the CWG-Internet", directing CWG-Internet to generally hold both open online consultation and physical open consultation meetings, with remote participation, within a reasonable period, prior to each CWG-Internet meeting. It further specified that relevant inputs from the open online consultation on the topic(s) decided by the CWG-Internet will form the basis of discussion at the physical open consultation meetings. All relevant responses received from stakeholders as well as a compiled version will be submitted for consideration in the next meeting of CWG-Internet.

In view of the above, the online open consultation of CWG-Internet has been launched on the following topic, as decided by CWG-Internet during its fifth meeting in February 2015:

"With a view to discussing the establishment of Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) to advance connectivity, improve service quality and increase network stability and resilience, fostering competition and reducing interconnection costs, as proposed by Opinion 1 of WTPF-13 and consistent with PP-14 Resolutions 101 and 102, **stakeholders are invited to elaborate and exemplify on the challenges faced and identify widely accepted best practices for the design, installation and operation of IXPs.**"

You are kindly invited to submit your contribution by **Friday, 28 August 2015**, through the following link: <http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/consultation-june2015.aspx>. You are encouraged to inform other interested stakeholders, who might wish to participate.

All responses received will be made publicly available on the ITU website and a consolidated report will be published prior to the physical open consultation meeting, to be held on **Monday, 28 September 2015**. Further details on the latter will be circulated in due course.

Yours faithfully,



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