

## **Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors (CCBI)**

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### **Informal consultation on Internet governance**

**Intervention by Ayesha Hassan (ICC)  
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Thank you Mr Chairman for the opportunity to provide this intervention on behalf of the Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors for WSIS.

We welcome your initiative to hold this informal and open consultation, including all stakeholders.

We urge that future consultations

- be planned with sufficient advance notice to all stakeholders, that they
- take place in conjunction with other related events, and that they
- be of a substantive nature, requiring substantive inputs that justify industry organizing itself to develop consensus inputs and also justify travel costs.

#### **Ahead of PrepCom 3, we have a few points regarding the preparations:**

- CCBI strongly supports the preparation of an aggregated comments document on the WGIG report that includes all of the comments that will be submitted on the WGIG report to the WSIS-ES and Ambassador Karklins on or before 15 August.
- Previous compilations of comments, or aggregated comments have been helpful in the WSIS process.
- It will be important that this aggregation be distributed well ahead of PC 3 to all stakeholders in order for them to prepare and make most productive use of the document to understand the viewpoints and inputs.

As all stakeholders prepare for the important work on Internet governance at PrepCom 3, CCBI would like to highlight some of the key principles and priorities for business around the world:

1. Some people view the Internet as an economic medium while others view it as a social medium. Generally Business depends upon it primarily as an economic medium while recognizing and promoting its social value.
2. Business has implemented numerous business models based on the Internet. Business is concerned about any change that may result in a disruption of the Internet.
3. Business generally feels the Internet is functioning well.

4. Internet resources currently are generally deployed in accordance with technical and engineering requirements. Business fears that the sudden introduction of additional government control over those resources may result in the disruption of the Internet due to allocations based on politics.

5. Business acknowledges that the current system continues to evolve to improve, grow and meet market needs for additional Internet capabilities. Business feels that this evolution should occur to continue in an incremental manner to promote a reliable, stable and secure Internet.

Finally, CCBI will be submitting written comments on the WGIG report ahead of the 15 August deadline.

Thank you for your attention.