Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: Geetha Hariharan

Date: 11 February 2015

Re: Request No. 20150112-1

Thank you for your Request for Information dated 12 January 2015 (the "Request"), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP) on behalf of The Centre for Internet & Society (CIS). For reference, a copy of your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

Items Requested

Your Request seeks the disclosure of the following information regarding the President's Globalization Advisory Group:

1.   Of the six Globalisation Advisory Groups created, is any Group active as of today (12 January 2015)?

2.   When and how many times did any of the Groups meet?

3.   On what date were the Groups dissolved? Were all Groups dissolved on the same date?

4.   By what mechanism did the dissolution take place (oral statement, email)? If the dissolution occurred by way of email or statement, please provide a copy of the same.

5.   Did any of the six Globalisation Advisory Groups present any report, advice, or recommendations to Mr. Chehade or any member(s) of the Board, prior to their dissolution? If yes, please provide the report/recommendations (if available) and/or information regarding the same.

6.   Why were the Advisory Groups dissolved? Has any reason been recorded, and if not, please provide an explanation.

Response

On 17 February 2014, as part of its continued globalization efforts, the ICANN Board approved the creation of several Globalization Advisory Groups composed of Board members to address the following areas: Affirmation of Commitments (AOC), policy structures, legal structure, root server system, the IANA multistakeholder accountability, and Internet governance. (*See* https://www.icann.org/resources/board-

material/resolutions-2014-02-17-en). The Globalization Advisory Groups were established to provide guidance to the Board in support of ICANN's globalization work led by the President and CEO.

On 14 March 2014, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the United States Department of Commerce announced its intent to transition its stewardship of the IANA functions that ICANN performs to the global multistakeholder community, and asked ICANN to convene the process of developing a proposal to achieve that objective. With the NTIA's announcement, the topics identified for the Globalization Advisory Groups now had a home in the global multistakeholder discussions in furtherance of the IANA functions stewardship transition process, and subsequently the parallel Enhancing ICANN Accountability effort that was convened at the request of the community. Accordingly, on 27 March 2014, the Board decided to disband the Globalization Advisory Groups so that there would not be any risk or appearance of competing discussions or efforts (*see* https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-03-27-en#2.d).

The ICANN Board determined that the work of the Globalization Advisory Groups addressing the AoC, policy structures, legal structure, the root server system, and IANA multistakeholder accountability would be better suited as part of the discussions being held with the global multistakeholder community. Additionally, the Board determined that the work of the Globalization Advisory Groups addressing Internet governance would be duplicative of the work of the Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance, which includes members from various sectors of ICANN's multistakeholder community. Because this topic is better suited to be evaluated by the Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance, the Globalization Advisory Group addressing Internet governance was dissolved. (*See id.*)

Generally, all of the information responsive to your Request is set forth above.

Specifically, in response to Item Nos. 1 and 3 of your Request, none of the President's Globalization Advisory Groups are still active. As noted above, all six Groups were dissolved on 27 March 2014 (*see* https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-03-27-en#2.d).

In response to Item Nos. 2 and 5 of your Request, the Groups did not meet before they were disbanded and did not produce any work product.

In response to Items 4 and 6 of your Request, as noted above, the Globalization Advisory Groups were disbanded by Resolutions 2014.03.27.27 and 2014.03.27.28. The reasoning for the dissolution is set forth in the Resolutions and Rationale. (*See* https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-03-27-en#2.d.)

About DIDP

ICANN's DIDP is limited to requests for documentary information already in existence within ICANN that is not publicly available. In addition, the DIDP sets forth Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure. To review a copy of the DIDP, which is contained within

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We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward
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