

Joint civil society letter on appointment of representatives to Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance

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To

Mr. Paulo Bernardo Silva, Minister of Communications – Minicom;

Mr. Virgilio Almeida, Secretary for Information Technology Policy at the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation – MCTI;

Mr. Valdir Simão, Special Assessor for the Presidency;

Emb. Benedicto Fonseca, Director of the Department of Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Minister of External Relations – MRE;

Mr. Harmut Glaser, Secretariat of the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee – CGI.br

We, as representatives of four networks that include civil society organizations and individuals involved in Internet governance, are writing with reference to preparations for the Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance that is planned to be held in São Paulo, Brazil by April 2014.

During the eighth Internet Governance Forum in Bali this year, many of us met in person, and some others participated remotely and agreed that the following persons would be delegated to serve as interim Liaisons from across these networks for purposes of planning the Global Meeting:

* Ms Joana Varon Ferraz, Center for Technology and Society (CTS/FGV)

* Ms Carolina Rossini, New American Foundation

* Mr Carlos A. Afonso, Nupef Institute

* Ms Laura Tresca, Article XIX Brasil

This letter is to express our continuing support for this arrangement as planning for the meeting takes shape. The above interim Liaisons shall remain at disposal of the Brazilian authorities in all matters pertaining to the organization of the Global Meeting, and we urge that our Liaisons should in the context of these preparations be invited to all meetings with all other constituencies as full participants in this process. We support their work and look forward to hearing of progress in their reports back to our networks that are made up of a broad constituency of civil society groups and individuals. They have our trust and support.

If you have any inquiries about the above matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time, either directly or through the above Liaisons.

Yours sincerely,

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