

Internet Rights & Principles Coalition – Response to IGF MAG Chair Call for Information on Concrete Actions and Decisions

Dear MAG and MAG Chair,

This mail is brief, composed mainly of links to a set of concrete and significant outcomes from the IGF from the IRP Coalition.

First, is the IRP Coalition based at the IGF, internetrightsandprinciples.org/site/ and its Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet, http://internetrightsandprinciples.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/IRPC_booklet_3rded_English.pdf

Now in five languages (Turkish and Spanish are currently underway) the IRPC Charter, as a whole and its 10 Principles have played a formative role in providing coherent and comprehensive guidance for at least two major initiatives. The Hivos International Click Rights Campaign, <http://hivos.org/news/click-rights-and-get-it-right> [5], take the Charter and IRP Principles as their model.

More recently, at the same time that the IRP Coalition was contributing to the NETmundial Outcomes [6], the New Zealand Green Party launched its Internet Rights and Freedoms Bill, <http://internetrightsandprinciples.org/site/irpc-congratulates-new-zealand-green-party-on-launch-of-the-internet-rights-and-freedom-bill/> [7]. Here too the IRPC Charter played a clear role by inspiring and enabling this national governmental initiative. The IRPC Charter is credited in this initiative too. The IRP Coalition offered feedback and advice on the initial IRF Bill and the launch.

The role the IRPC has played in supporting and sharing knowledge during the earlier years of the Marco Civil da Internet and its eventual passing into law is also widely acknowledged, with IRPC Steering Group members also active in the Marco Civil work.

In short, the IRPC and the IRPC Charter are a success story for the IGF principle of open consultations and cross-sector collaboration around the world. We are currently preparing the First Turkish edition, and updated Arabic edition of the IRPC Charter Booklet for Istanbul with the support of the Web We Want Foundation and Hivos International. The German booklet was a collaborative, crowd-sourced effort to bring the booklet to German speakers during the recent EuroDIG meeting in Berlin.

A brief look at the IRPC website and workshop input into the Istanbul program, the UNESCO WSIS+10 consultations last year, and successive EuroDIGs and IGF meetings underscores our achievements thanks to the space provided by the IGF.

The IRPC Charter is a landmark outcome of a landmark UN agency.

Best wishes

Marianne Franklin, Co-Chair of the IRPC

CC: Robert Bodle, Co-Chair

--

Internet Rights and Principles Coalition

UN Internet Governance Forum

<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/dynamiccoalitions/72-ibr> [1]

Homepage: www.internetrightsandprinciples.org [2]

Twitter: @netrights

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/internetrightsandprinciples> [3]

Links:

[1] <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/dynamiccoalitions/72-ibr>

[2] <http://www.internetrightsandprinciples.org>

[3] <https://www.facebook.com/internetrightsandprinciples>

[4]

http://internetrightsandprinciples.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/IRPC_booklet_3rded_English.pdf

[5] <http://hivos.org/news/click-rights-and-get-it-right>

[6]

<http://content.netmundial.br/contribution/the-irpc-charter-of-human-rights-and-principles-for-the-internet/161>

[7]

<http://internetrightsandprinciples.org/site/irpc-congratulates-new-zealand-green-party-on-launch-of-the-internet-rights-and-freedom-bill/>