Dear Mr. Kārkliņš,

The Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM), has briefed me on the preparations for the 10th session of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF10). I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your able leadership of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) and MAG members for their commitment to IGF and preparatory work in support of IGF10.

In this regard, I would like to share with you and MAG members the importance the Secretary-General attaches to the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals (SDGs). 2015 is a historic year in UN history. Member States have been working on three inter-related events; the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which successfully concluded last week in Addis Ababa; the UN Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, to be held this September in New York; and the UN Climate Conference in Paris this December.

In addition to these landmark events, the UN General Assembly will convene in December a high-level meeting on the overall review of progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10), during which the Assembly will also decide on the future of the IGF. In this broad context, I would like to invite MAG members to consider highlighting, in the programme of IGF10, the multiple linkages between IGF10, WSIS+10 and especially the UN post-2015 development agenda and SDGs. Both the Secretary-General and Member States have underscored the important role the Internet can play in advancing SDGs. It is an unprecedented opportunity for the IGF to seize in contribution to the broader UN development agenda and the SDGs.

I look forward to continuing progress in the preparation of IGF10, and I am confident that with the support of MAG and the Brazilian Host Government, IGF10 will achieve forward-looking and action-oriented outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

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