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To: amy.cotton@uspto.gov; Cathy Handley; Fiona Alexander; Suzanne Sene
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Subject: Fwd: RE: pto needs background/talking points re wsis and .xxx

Here is the press clip, US Contribution to WSIS on the WGIG report, the Internet DNS principles and the Final Q&A's prepared for in-house use (ie for your background). I also attached the .xxx Q&A. Let me know if you need anything else! Best, Robin

>>> Fiona Alexander 9/12/2005 10:03 AM >>>
Robin

I'm happy to provide Amy something if/when I have time later today but perhaps to be on the safe side, in addition to a copy of the US contribution to WSIS on the WGIG report and a copy of the principles you could also forward her the press clip that Clyde sent over on Friday from Tech Daily which was a summary of the US WSIS Prep open meeting. I've cut and paste it below for ease but it answers the question on a new forum as well as restating our position on ICANN.

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HEADLINE: NET GOVERNANCE: United States Will Stand Firm On Icann's; Authority

BYLINE: Danielle Belopotosky

The United States will maintain its stance on keeping intact the international body that oversees the Internet-addressing system when governmental delegations meet in Geneva later this month, government officials said Thursday.

"The U.S. position is that no new organization should be created" as a result of the summit, said Dick Baird of the State Department, who chaired an International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting as the U.S. delegation readies for a Sept. 19-30 global meeting. The committee advises State on international treaties and organizational meetings.

"We will begin with and end with" the position that the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) should not be replaced or governed by the United Nations or any other body, Baird added.

The Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) issued a report in August that called for dismantling or modifying ICANN. The report serves as the groundwork for an action plan on Internet governance that will be delivered at the U.N. World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) November meeting in Tunis, Tunisia.

The United States is reworking operational documents for the summit. In reference to the sustainability of WSIS, the United States is recommending that action plans be implemented nationally, regionally and internationally rather than through the United Nations.

"Organizations should stay within their respective mandates" at the regional and international levels, Baird said, because governments have entered into treaties, charters and agreements that interweave those mandates.

The United States also called for the evaluation and policy formulation to remain the "prerogative of governments" rather than moving those mechanisms to the United Nations. While Internet governance is expected to dominate the agenda at the September meeting, other forums could be created on "open source" software, cyber security, unsolicited commercial e-mail, freedom of expression and data protection. Promoting the continued development of the Internet and current financing mechanisms also are expected to be reviewed.

But Marilyn Cade, who chairs the global policy committee of the Information Technology Association of America, warned against the creation of new forums at this time. The chief concern should be completing the work at hand, she said.

>>> "Suzanne Sene" <ssene@ntia.doc.gov> 09/12/05 9:54 AM >>>

i would think the statement of usg principles, plus a sentence or two from fiona re the usg perspective on some kind of international dialogue or discussion forum (which is of course preliminary) would do it for amy on wgig/wsis.

re .xxx, do we want to amend/shorten the q's and a's that were produced for the front office?

>>> "Cotton, Amy" <Amy.Cotton@USPTO.GOV> 9/12/2005 9:25 AM >>>

Robin - I am talking to the International Trademark Association Board of Directors (about 20 people) tomorrow at 9:45 am - remember when you, Maneesha, and I did this about 3 years ago?

I really don't need much at all, and it is not on the program specifically. Mike Heltzer asked me to speak a little (I only have 10 minutes total to talk about international IP issues in general) on "Internet Governance" - the issue he raised with me was something to the effect that a USG official made some statement somewhere suggesting that the USG would not hand over control of the Internet/Governance/A Root? He wasn't very specific. I think he is looking for me to say what the USG plans to do about ICANN's MOU and about WSIS, perhaps?

5 USC § 552(h)5

-----Original Message-----

From: Layton, Robin

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To: Alexander, Fiona; Suzanne Sene; Cotton, Amy
Cc: Handley, Cathy
Subject: Re: pto needs background/talking points re wsis and .xxx

Amy,

Suzanne just told us about your call.

Re .xxx - Suzanne can send you a briefing sheet we have.

Re WSIS - Is it on the program or are you just expecting to get a question? Who is on the association and what level of detail do you need? Broad overview or more specific? Depending, Fiona can send you something early next week.

Have a great weekend.

Best,

Robin

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under
5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)

