

# Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA)

Inaugural General Assembly

Istanbul, 1 September 2014

## *Summary Record*

1. The meeting was held at the Lutfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre in Istanbul, Turkey on 1 September 2014 on the eve of the opening of the annual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). It was chaired by Mr. Markus Kummer, Senior Vice President of the Internet Society. He welcomed the participants and invited Ms. Kathy Brown, CEO and President of the Internet Society, and Mr. Thomas Gass, United Nations Assistant-Secretary-General, to make a few introductory remarks. Both speakers welcomed the setting-up of the Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA) as a new funding mechanism and underlined its character as a complement to the United Nations IGF Trust Fund. Assistant-Secretary-General Gass thanked the Internet Society for the initiative and expressed his support of the IGFSA.

2. The following agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved by consensus by all participants present.

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Co-optation of Members
3. Approval of the Articles of Association
4. Determination of membership dues
5. Election of the Executive Committee
6. Any Other Business

3. Co-optation of Members

72 participants indicated their interest to join the Association as members. As there was no objection against any of them, they co-opted each other as members by acclamation. The list of the founding members is attached to this summary record as Annex I.

4. Approval of the Articles of Association

A draft for the Articles of Association had been circulated prior to the General Assembly. There were no objections and the Articles were agreed upon unanimously by all members. The Articles of Association are attached to this summary record as Annex II.

5. Determination of membership dues

The General Assembly discussed what would be appropriate annual membership dues and agreed on the following:

- USD 25 for individuals and
- USD 100 for legal entities (i.e. organizations or corporations).

## 6. Election of the Executive Committee

The following names had been put forward as candidates for the Executive Committee prior to the General Assembly:

Mr. Raúl Echeberría, Vice President, Global Engagement, Internet Society, Montevideo, Uruguay

Mr. Tarek Kamel, Senior Advisor, ICANN, Geneva, Switzerland

Ms. Cheryl Miller, Director, International Public Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Verizon, Washington DC, USA

Virat Bhatia, President, EA, AT&T South Asia, New Delhi, India

Ms. Alice Munyua, African Union Commission /ZA Central Registry, Nairobi, Kenya

Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation, Hong Kong

Ms. Avri Doria, Independent Researcher, Providence, RI, USA.

At the General Assembly two members nominated themselves:

Ms. Marilyn Cade, Business Executive, Washington DC, USA

Ms. Subi Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor / Media For Change, New Delhi, India

The Chair noted that there were nine candidates and recalled that the Articles of Association stipulated that the Executive Committee should consist at least five and not more than nine members. As the number of candidates corresponded to the maximum number of members allowed by the Articles of Association, he proposed to the General Assembly to appoint all candidates. The General Assembly endorsed this proposal by acclamation and appointed all the candidates mentioned above as members of the Executive Committee.

In addition, Mr. Chengetai Masango, acting Head of the IGF Secretariat, was appointed as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee with observer status.

## 7. Any Other Business

As there was no item proposed for discussion under Any Other Business, the Chair closed the inaugural General Assembly of the Association.

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## 8. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee held its first meeting immediately afterwards, in a public setting, to select its Chair. Mr. Raúl Echeberría was elected unanimously as the first Chair of the IGFSAs Executive Committee.

Geneva, 17 September 2014

Signed

Tarek Kamel  
for the Executive Committee

Markus Kummer  
for the Secretariat