



## **Internet Society Delegation to Attend World Conference on International Telecommunications in Dubai, 3-14 December 2012**

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**[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland – 30 November 2012]** – An Internet Society delegation will attend the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) in Dubai, 3-14 December 2012. WCIT is a global treaty conference hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) where 193 ITU Member States come together to discuss and modify the International Telecommunications Regulations (ITRs). Approximately 50 members of the Internet Society global community will attend the meetings.

As a Sector Member of the ITU Telecommunication Standards and Telecommunication Development Sectors, the Internet Society submitted a statement to the ITU as part of the WCIT public consultation. The statement can be found here:

<http://www.internetsociety.org/doc/WCITSubmissionOctober2012>.

The Internet Society remains hopeful that the ITU Member State delegations to the WCIT will agree to a treaty that enhances rather than restricts international telecommunications. The Internet Society and its Board of Trustees believe that any revisions to the ITRs should:

- Reinforce Member States' commitment to open, transparent, and inclusive policy-making processes;
- Enshrine a commitment to open, voluntary international standards;
- Enable continued innovation;
- Emphasize policy approaches such as competition, liberalization, and transparency;
- Be based on thorough technical and socio-economic analysis; and
- Retain the high-level nature of the ITRs.

The Internet Society delegation looks forward to having opportunities to interact with Member State delegations during the course of the Conference and to a successful outcome of the WCIT. For more information on WCIT, visit <http://internetsociety.org/wcit>.

### **About the Internet Society**

The Internet Society is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership from around the world. With its principled vision and substantial technological foundation, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone. For more information, visit

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