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The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

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Dear Ms. Miroux,
Dear Ms. Kultamaa,

I write in response to the letter dated 1 October 2014 from Secretary-General Kituyi addressed to the OECD Secretary-General.

Although the OECD was not specifically part of the Tunis Agenda and the Tunis Commitment, and therefore has no follow-up commitments, we have always been willing to co-operate with other international organisations. We are pleased to continue to provide information on our work to enhance co-operation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

In particular, we would like to direct your attention to the OECD's recent publications on "The Internet in Transition: The State of the Transition to IPv6 in Today's Internet and Measures to Support the Continued Use of IPv4" http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/the-internet-in-transition-the-state-of-the-transition-to-ipv6-in-today-s-internet-and-measures-to-support-the-continued-use-of-ipv4_5jz5sq5d7cq2-en and "The Economics of Transition to Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6)" http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/the-economics-of-transition-to-internet-protocol-version-6-ipv6_5jxt46d07bhc-en. These reports provide a status update of address management issues and the run-out of IPv4, an overview of the advantages of the deployment of the IPv6 protocol and the choices facing individual actors, their potential consequences, and the policy implications on openness and innovation for the future of the Internet. They show that the net benefits to adopting IPv6 are not distributed equally across all participants.

In addition, I would note that we are currently in the process of finalising a revision to the "OECD Guidelines for the Security of Information Systems and Networks: Towards a Culture of Security" as well as a publication on big data analytics (Data-Driven Innovation) which will be available in the first half of 2015.

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I hope this information is useful in the preparation of the annual report. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the materials referred to above or our work on the Internet economy.

Yours sincerely,

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Signed in his absence by
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