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The Honorable David A. Gross
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Dear Ambassador Gross:

Thank you for appearing at the joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organization entitled "Fighting for Internet Freedom: Dubai and Beyond" on February 5, 2013.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for 10 business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

Also included are requests from Members that you agreed to provide for the record. The format of your responses to these requests should follow the same format as your responses to the attached additional questions for the record.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please e-mail your responses, in Word or PDF format, to Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov by the close of business on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: The Honorable Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member,
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachments

Attachment 1—Member Requests for the Record

During the hearing, Members asked you to provide information for the record. For your convenience, relevant excerpts from the hearing transcript regarding these requests are provided below.

The Honorable Ted Poe

1. So my question to you is, should there be, first, on one end and I am just asking for your opinion any consequences for countries that seem to want government control of the Internet, or not? And, second, a little more specific: how we can be prepared to communicate better to these the vast majority of countries, as Ambassador Gross has mentioned, that still haven't made up their mind.

So three questions: ITU procedure; any consequences; and what can we specifically do?

The Honorable Brad Sherman

Should we have done more to tell countries that, to use the language here in Congress, we are scoring the vote? That is to say, that those making other important U.S. foreign policy decisions are taking note of now countries vote at the ITU? Is that undue pressure or a demonstration of how important Internet freedom is?

Attachment 2—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Greg Walden

1. The United Nations does have a place for countries to discuss governance of the Internet – the Internet Governance Forum. What are your thoughts on the IGF and how can the U.S. help develop the IGF as part of a true multistakeholder process?

The Honorable Anna Eshoo

1. Having served in the role of U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy at the State Department, you have unique insight into the delicate nature of treaty negotiations. In your testimony you suggest that the U.S. should "sustain and, in fact, increase its international engagement… on the important technological and economic issues discussed at WCIT and elsewhere." What exactly would this entail?

2. You stated in your testimony that the ITU continues to play an important role for both the United States and the rest of the world, including on spectrum management issues. Could you elaborate on the ongoing importance of the ITU and why the United States should choose to engage in such forums going forward?

The Honorable Henry Waxman

1. Please share with the Committee your view on the draft legislation circulated prior to the hearing, which states that "it is the policy of the United States to promote a global Internet free from government control and to preserve and advance the successful multistakeholder model that governs the Internet."