​To: Ginger Paque and Ian Peter, Civil Society Coordination Group

Cc: BestBits members

Fr: Nadira Alaraj, Liaise of BestBits to the CSCG

Dt: January 25th , 2015

Re: Endorsement by BestBits to MAG CS of 2016

The short listing of BestBits endorsement to the CSCG for the civil society candidacy to MAG 2016 is comprised of

* Jeremy Malcolm
* Renata Aquino Ribeiro
* Deirdre Williams

Their name is listed according to their expression of interest date and you will find their bios in appendix (I).

The endorsement is based on consulting the members of proposed short listing based on complied endorsements for 4 nominees found in appendix (II), which received no response or any objection from the members. However, this consultation generated more endorsement counts to the nominees.

During the endorsement period and to encourage input I proposed to the members to send me endorsement off-list. I’ve got two responses and I can provided it to you upon request and their consent.

A useful comment that I would like to share here for future considerations presented by Carolina Roussini. Were she wrote: “*It would be great if previous MAG CS members shared their experience here and also how "hard" or not MAG can be. And how much they were actually able to influence in the decisions.  That could help people decide their votes*.”

Will you needing any further information, I will be ready to provide.

**Appendix (I)**

**Bios for the endorsed members:**

“**Jeremy Malcolm** joined EFF's international team in 2014 and works on the international dimensions of issues such as intellectual property, network neutrality, Internet governance, and trade. Prior to that he worked for Consumers International coordinating its global programme Consumers in the Digital Age. Jeremy graduated with degrees in Law (with Honours) and Commerce in 1995 from Murdoch University, and completed his PhD thesis at the same University in 2008 on the topic of Internet governance. Jeremy's background is as an information technology and intellectual property lawyer and IT consultant. He enjoys acting, writing and coding, and his ambitions include writing an original science fiction novel, learning to juggle and learning Japanese (ideally both at once).

Jeremy is admitted to the bars of the Supreme Court of Western Australia (1995), High Court of Australia (1996) and Appellate Division of New York (2009). He is a former co-coordinator of the Civil Society Internet Governance Caucus, founder of Best Bits, and currently a Steering Committee member of the OECD Civil Society Information Society Advisory Council.”

<https://www.eff.org/about/staff/jeremy-malcolm>

“**Renata Aquino Ribeiro** is currently a professor in the IT Campus at Quixadá City in Federal University of Ceará, Brazil. In 2014, Dr. Ribeiro was a researcher in social development, technology and education at Business and Economics Faculty (FEAAC) at Federal University of Ceará (UFC). For the last decade, followed the internet governance debates such as regional IGFs and ICANN53 participation as fellow, Brazilian Internet School of Governance 2014 fellow, South School of Internet Governance 2015 fellow and LACRALO ALS Nexti participant and NCUC participant in ICANN. With over 15 years of experience in technology and education markets, Dr. Ribeiro has acquired a broad knowledge of e-learning, instructional design, edtech and social media for learning industries. Also, Dr. Ribeiro taught in universities and education and technology projects involving NGOs, public and private schools as well as corporate training programs. She has a PhD completed in 2012 in Education: Curriculum as a part of the research group in Technologies in Education at Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP). Ribeiro is also a Master of Arts in Hypermedia from University of Westminster (UK – 2003), validated in Brazil through University of São Paulo (USP). Her bachelor degree is in Journalism from PUC-SP (1998).”

<https://pesquisaeducacao.wordpress.com/in-english-bio-and-etc/>

“**Deirdre Williams** was born in England but has lived on the island of Saint Lucia in the Caribbean for most of her life. She has worked as a teacher, a librarian and in administration. She became interested in the possibilities of the Internet for networking in the Caribbean while studying for a Masters degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1993. Subsequently her interest became focused on Internet governance, and specifically on achieving equality of access.  Currently she is particularly concerned with citizen participation and how it can be improved generally as well as in the area of Internet governance. She has been successful in several courses run by Diplo Foundation and has acted as an editor and as an online tutor for the same institution. Since 2002 she has attended many Internet governance related meetings – local, regional and international, both physically and remotely - as a presenter and as a remote moderator. This was mainly thanks to the generosity of several different funders.”

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/accessibility/dcad/Pages/WILLIAMSDeirdre.aspx>

**Appendix (II)**

**Compiled endorsement list:**

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| Nominees | Comments for endorsement | +1 endorsements |
| Jeremy Malcolm  [jmalcolm@eff.org](mailto:jmalcolm@eff.org)  (USA)  (Expression of interest date: Jan 4) | *Marilia Maciel*: +1 to Jeremy, publicly thanking you for all the work you have put in the evaluation sheets this year. It would be of great importance to have Jeremy on the MAG to strengthen its outcome-oriented feature.  *Burcu Kilic*: ..particularly +++++ 1 for Jeremy | **Total: 11**  Marilia Maciel,  Ephraim Percy Kenyanito,  Becky Lentz,  João Carlos R. Caribé,  Carolina Rossini  ​Burcu Kilic,  Joana Varon,  Mwendwa Kivuva,  Miguel Ignacio Estrada,  off-list[[1]](#footnote-1): 2 |
| Renata Aquino Ribeiro  [raquino@gmail.com](mailto:raquino@gmail.com)  (Brazil)  (Expression of interest date: Jan 5) | *Marilia Maciel*: +1 to Renata, who has been such an active and vocal member of our Brazilian IG community and a contributor to global debates in ICANN and IGF.  Her academic expertise can be very useful to the group.  *Joana Varon*: Thinking about diversity on IG policies-advocacy spaces, I'm particularly happy to support Renata, as she already does add regional diversity and grassroots insights to the field in our Brazilian national context.  *Miguel Ignacio Estrada*: +10 for Renata, I love everything she is doing for her community and the region | **Total: 11**  Marilia Maciel,  Ephraim Percy Kenyanito,  Becky Lentz,  João Carlos R. Caribé,  Carolina Rossini,  Nathalia Foditsch,  Burcu Kilic,  Joana Varon,  Mwendwa Kivuva,  Miguel Ignacio Estrada,  off-list: 1 |
| Deirdre Williams  [williams.deirdre@gmail.com](mailto:williams.deirdre@gmail.com)  (Saint Lucia)  (Expression of interest date: Jan 12) | *Marilia Maciel*: +1 to Deirdre who has a tremendous experience in IG issues acquired throughout the years, always showing in her positions a deep concern with the "human" aspect of our discussions and with the end user. | **Total: 11**  Marilia Maciel,  Ephraim Percy Kenyanito,  Becky Lentz,  João Carlos R. Caribé,  Carolina Rossini,  Burcu Kilic,  Joana Varon,  Mwendwa Kivuva,  Miguel Ignacio Estrada,  off-list: 2 |
| Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro  [salanieta.tamanikaiwaimaro@gmail.com](mailto:salanieta.tamanikaiwaimaro@gmail.com)  (Fiji)  (Expression of interest date: Jan 22) |  | **Total: 2**  Miguel Ignacio Estrada  off-list: 1 |

1. Off-list emails will be provided upon request. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)