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To whom it may concern
Indian civil society organizations

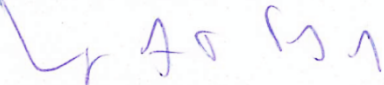
Dear representatives from Indian civil society organizations,

I have received the open letter from your organizations regarding the appointment of the civil society representative as co-chair for the NETmundial meeting in Brazil. I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity of this open dialogue, which is very much aligned with the principles of transparency, openness and inclusion that have been guiding the organization of NETmundial since its inception. As Chair of NETmundial and member of the Brazilian Government, I completely agree with the statement on your letter and would like to reaffirm the utmost efforts that have been taken to accomplish the mission given by President Dilma Rousseff which is organizing and consolidate NETmundial as a truly multistakeholder meeting.

Regarding the invitation to Ms. Subi Chaturvedi, as one representative of civil society, I would like to add the following points on this dialogue. I understand the reservations expressed in the letter I received. However, I would like to call the attention to the fact that the appointment of co-chairs members tried to achieve regional and gender balance along with the required group representation in the multistakeholder model. More essentially than particular nationalities, the choice of names for the Board also considered the inclusion of young and experienced talents as representatives for each sector. This process permeated the organization of all committees that compose the NETmundial organization structure. We have not selected names to represent specific countries or specific organizations. Having this in mind, I believe that name of Ms. Chaturvedi fits the desired configuration accordingly

In the eve of NETmundial, I am pleased with the feedbacks received from the global Internet Governance community sharing a very positive vision about the importance of this historical moment and opportunity. As you know well, the Sao Paulo meeting has been designed as the beginning of a journey where all should be committed to a continuous strengthening and evolution of the dialogue based on this pioneer effort in the way forward. In this sense, I would intensely assert for the importance of contributions on NETmundial website from all communities as the paramount measure of legitimacy, inclusiveness and application of democratic principles. In this point, I am looking forward the valuable inputs from India with its vibrant and diverse civil society groups.

Yours sincerely,



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