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Agenda Item: 4.1

Co-Convenors' Proposed Work Plan to Draft the APEC Roadmap on the Internet and Digital Economy

Purpose: Consideration

Submitted by: AHSGIE Drafting Group Co-Convenors



**4th Ad Hoc Steering Group on the Internet
Economy Meeting
Ha Noi, Viet Nam
14-15 May 2017**

APEC Ad Hoc Steering Group on the Internet Economy
Co-Convenors' Proposed Work Plan
to Draft the APEC Roadmap on the Internet and Digital Economy

Co-Convenors: China and the United States

Drafting Group: Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Russia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam

The purpose of this document is to establish the timeline and work plan for the completion of the APEC Roadmap on the Internet and Digital Economy (Roadmap). The due date for a final draft to be submitted to Senior Officials for their consideration will be SOM3 2017 due to the expiration of the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Steering Group on the Internet Economy (AHSGIE).

To expedite the drafting process and contribute to general uniformity, the Co-Convenors propose that they provide an initial draft of the Roadmap framework to the Drafting Group for comment. The next step will be to incorporate the Drafting Group's comments regarding the Roadmap framework into a revised version and circulate to the full AHSGIE membership for review and discussion at the 4th AHSGIE meeting on May 14-15. The comment process after the 4th AHSGIE meeting will be an iterative with successive rounds of comments that start with the Drafting Group's review and comment, followed by circulation to the broader AHSGIE membership for review and comment. The work plan's timeline may be adjusted as needed.

Proposed Work Plan Timeline

- **May 1:** Circulate proposed drafting work plan to the Drafting Group for approval.
- **May 5:** Drafting Group comments on draft work plan due at 5:30pm on 5 May 2017 (Singapore Time).

Round 1 Comment Period

- **May 9:** Circulate to Drafting Group the proposed framework (i.e. Structure) of the Roadmap for any initial comments and approval at the 4th AHSGIE meeting in Ha Noi,

Vietnam. (Note: Drafting Group members' initial comments prior to the AHSGIE meeting are appreciated.)

- **May 14-15:** At the 4th AHSGIE meeting, discuss the work plan and the draft framework of the Roadmap, including the division of work among the Drafting Group. AHSGIE to approve the work plan and the framework of the Roadmap (intersessional consultations may be carried out as needed by the end of May).

Round 2 Comment Period

- **Mid-June:** Based on the framework of the Roadmap, Co-Convenors and Drafting Group work out a consolidated draft Roadmap, and circulate it to AHSGIE membership for review and additional comments by Mid-June.
- **Late-June:** Comments from AHSGIE membership by Late-June.
- **Mid-July:** Co-Convenors and Drafting Group work on the comments from AHSGIE membership, and Co-Convenors to circulate revised draft Roadmap to AHSGIE membership for review and comment.
- **Late-July:** Comments from AHSGIE members by Late-July.

Round 3 Comment Period

- **Mid-August:** Co-Convenors and Drafting Group work on the comments from AHSGIE membership, Co-Convenors to circulate revised draft Roadmap by Mid-August for AHSGIE discussion during SOM3 (intersessional consultations may be carried out as needed).
- **August 27-28 (TBC):** At the 5th AHSGIE meeting, members to finalize Roadmap for submission to Senior Officials.
- **August 29-30 (TBC):** Final Roadmap submitted to Senior Officials for consideration.