WePROTECT ADVISORY BOARD: INTERIM TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of this document

1. The WePROTECT Advisory Board (“the Board”) has been convened to drive forward the outcomes of the London and Abu Dhabi WePROTECT Summits ahead of the next Summit in 2017. These interim terms of reference set out the Board’s mandate, structure and operations until the third WePROTECT Summit in 2017, when members of the initiative formed from WePROTECT and the Global Alliance will agree the initiative’s long term strategy and governance.

Mandate of the Board

2. The Board’s mandate is to support the implementation of the commitments made at the London and Abu Dhabi WePROTECT Summits and to oversee the future development of the initiative.

3. In this role, the Board will:
   • reflect the multi-stakeholder nature of the coordinated global response and support those who have signed up to WePROTECT to implement their commitments, including through a new self-reporting requirement;
   • show global leadership and represent the issue at the highest levels, as well as coordinate and drive forwards major projects to tackle online CSE;
   • identify and define the international response to the key issues and future challenges which will emerge;
   • commission an initial report on the progress of countries in delivering their commitments, based on reports submitted by those signed up to the new initiative;
   • set the direction for regional and international capacity building on online CSE, by advising the steering committee of the new Global Fund to End Violence Against Children and helping to secure funding for the Fund’s work.

4. The Board’s work will ultimately be responsible to all those signed up to the new initiative, with its priorities and composition agreed by a biennial summit of ministers and senior executives and leaders from industry, international organizations, law enforcement and civil society. In the interim period, the Board will be responsible for agreeing its own strategy for 2016/17 and these terms of reference and carrying the agreed work plan forward to the 2017 Summit.

Responsibilities of the Chairman and Board members

5. The Chair will serve in a leadership capacity for WePROTECT internationally and will agree a programme of personal advocacy with the Secretariat. The Chair’s duties include setting the agenda for Board meetings, ensuring that clear decisions are reached and delegating and overseeing work by the Board and its Secretariat, as set out below, in addition to any other duties outlined in this document or agreed with the Board.

6. Board members are expected to attend the Board’s meetings and discharge any additional duties agreed with the Chair. They are expected to represent WePROTECT at relevant meetings and to coordinate their lobbying on online CSE with the Chair and the Secretariat.
7. While the primary purpose of the Board is strategic decision making, in this interim period it is envisaged that the Board may wish to play a more active role in developing the policy and operations of this initiative. The Chair may therefore, with the agreement of the Board:

- delegate chosen management functions to the Secretariat to act on the Board’s behalf or, where appropriate, another partner organisation;
- delegate the Board’s decision making role in limited areas to sub-committees, according to a mandate from the Chair;
- reserve other functions for oversight through a meeting of the whole Board;

8. Decisions by the Board will be made by consensus. Where consensus is not possible for any reason, the Chair may exceptionally move for a vote of the full members of the Board. In the case of a tie, the Chair will have the casting vote. Sub-committees will operate on mandates provided by the Chair.

9. There may be instances where the Board discusses an issue in which Board members or the organisations of which they are part have a direct or indirect financial interest. Board members should declare this interest at the beginning of the meeting and recuse themselves from discussion on any specific recommendations in which they have a direct interest. The individual’s declaration and any recusal will be noted in the minutes of that discussion. In no event shall Board members vote on recommendations where they have a direct financial interest.

**The role of the UK Home Office and Board Secretariat**

10. The UK Home Office will initially provide the Secretariat and funding for the Board. The Secretariat will support the Chair in setting the agenda for the Board and advising on its decision making and executive management functions delegated by the Chair. The Secretariat will also support sub-committee chairs in the discharge of their own mandates and be responsible for managing the Home Office funding for the Board.

11. The Secretariat will at all times be expected to discharge their responsibilities as Civil Servants, in accordance with the Civil Service Code and as Home Office officials responsible to the Home Secretary. To ensure that the Board’s development of its mandate is consistent with the resources provided by the UK, the Secretariat will advise on issues that might impact on the capacity and ability of its staff to serve the Board.

**Membership**

12. The Summit in 2017 will agree the governance structure for the Board and its composition, on the basis of proposals presented and consulted upon by this interim Board. In the interim, the UK has invited Ernie Allen to chair the Board and drawn its membership from the previous International Advisory Board. In addition, the interim Board will in 2016 add representation from three additional governments from regions currently under-represented on that body the chosen host of the 2017 Summit.

13. The full members of the Board until the Summit in 2017 will therefore be:

- Ernie Allen (Chair), former President and CEO of the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children and International Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Baroness Joanna Shields, UK Minister for Internet Safety and Security
Major General/Dr. Nasser Salem Saif Lakhrebani Al Nuaimi, Chair of the Virtual Global Taskforce, Secretary General of the Office of HH The Minister of Interior, UAE
Jacqueline F. Beauchere, Chief Online Safety Officer, Microsoft
Antigone Davis, Head of Global Safety, Facebook
Veronica Donoso, Executive Director, INHOPE
Steven J. Grocki, Chief, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, U.S. Department of Justice
Johnny Gwynne, Director, Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Command, UK National Crime Agency
Susie Hargreaves OBE, CEO, Internet Watch Foundation
Susan Molinari, Vice President, Public Policy, Google
Mick Moran, Assistant Director, Vulnerable Communities, INTERPOL
Dorothy Rozga, Executive Director, ECPAT International
Cornelius Williams, Associate Director, Child Protection, Programme Division, UNICEF
Officials of three governments drawn from Latin America, Africa and Asia

The Board will also be supported by the following observer:

Cesar Alonso Iriate, Fight Against Cybercrime, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

14. The Board will establish criteria for selecting the three new governmental members, agree a shortlist and support the work of the Secretariat in bringing representatives of new members from that list on to the Board. The Chair may, in consultation with the Secretariat, co-opt new members or observers, where the Board deems it necessary for the discharge of its mandate. Sub-committee chairs may, with the agreement of their committee and the chair of the Board, co-opt additional observers to those committees to support their work.

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