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WG 5/15

Report of the meeting of the Working Group on the Strategic Review of the ICO held on 16 November 2015

1. The Working Group on the Strategic Review of the ICO held its second meeting on 16 November 2015 at the ICO's headquarters in London. The following Members were represented either in person or on the telephone: Brazil, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Honduras, Japan, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Switzerland and the United States. Other Members who had indicated an interest in participating in the Working Group, but who were unable to join the meeting, were: Burundi, Central African Republic, El Salvador, European Union, Russian Federation and Uganda.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

2. The draft agenda contained in document WG-3/15 was adopted.

Item 2:Report of the meeting of the Working Group on the Strategic Reviewof the ICO held on 22 October 2015

3. The Committee approved the report on the meeting of 22 October 2015 contained in document WG-2/15.

Item 3: Replies to the Questionnaire on the Strategic Review of the ICO

4. The Head of Finance and Administration summarised Members' responses to the Questionnaire on the Strategic Review of the ICO. Two Members stated that they thought it was too early to continue discussions in the absence of many countries' replies.

5. Several Members said that this exercise was not intended to replace or amend the ICA 2007, the Action Plan or evaluate the work carried out by the Secretariat, but to sharpen the focus of the Organization and to support the Secretariat in achieving two to three goals rather than more than 20 goals. This could be carried out by either the Working Group or in conjunction with a consultant.

6. After further discussion it was recommended by the Chairman that the collection of Members' responses could be continued in parallel with deciding on a sharper focus.

7. After considerable deliberation the Committee agreed to defer any recommendations until more responses were received by Members. This would then provide the basis for further discussions at the next meeting. The Secretariat would request outstanding questionnaires from Members in the meantime.

Item 4: Other business

8. There was no other business.

Item 5: Date of the next meeting

9. It was subsequently decided that the next meeting of the Group would be held at the ICO, 22 Berners Street, London on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 14.00 GMT.