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STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI ON THE FORMATION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS (WCIT)

"Today, the State Department officially formed the United States delegation to the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT). Unfortunately, some countries would use the WCIT to restrict the free flow of information online or otherwise threaten one of the most powerful engines for global economic growth in the world today – the open Internet. Ambassador Kramer and the U.S. delegation will bring to the conference America's steadfast, bipartisan commitment to Internet freedom and the multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance. This conference offers an important crossroads, and we must choose the path that builds on the success of the last two decades of liberalization in telecommunications regulation, preserves the successful multi-stakeholder model of Internet governances, and protects a free and open Internet. My staff and I look forward to participating in the work of the U.S. delegation. The work will be challenging, but it could not be more important."