US-Japan Internet Economy March 2014 Dialogue Challenges and Results

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Key Challenges for 2014 Dialogue

- Strengthening a positive dynamic in US-Japan relations that have been strained by recent events

- Supporting Abe administration's measures to grow the Japanese economy, especially in the ICT area

- Highlighting threats to global Internet from assertions of "cyber sovereignty" and the need for US-Japan joint strategy on Internet governance

- Underscoring the key role of "sharing data" within Japan for economic growth and the importance of a framework for "cross-border data transfers" in promoting innovation and regional integration in Asia

- Stressing the need for deeper US-Japan coordination on cyber security before not after a major cyber crisis

- Starting a process to identify concrete projects for collaboration in context of 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- Reaffirming the importance of the multistakeholder process in bilateral ICT discussions and decisions

Key Results from 2014 Dialogue

- First bilateral meeting of MIC DG Sakamoto and US Amb for International Communications and Information Technology Sepulveda

- Reconfirmation of importance of ICT in Abe administration's growth plans

- Agreement to coordinate approaches to Internet governance issues in Sao Paulo and later at the ITU meeting in Korea

- Exchange on US and Japanese positions on global privacy policy, especially with regard to EU Data Protection norms

- Recognition of a need to do more bilaterally on cyber security

- Government openness to support practical cooperation between business sectors

- Explicit statements of support for deepening of the multistakeholder engagement between the two countries

- Commitment to report back to industry on government actions