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SIIA Applauds Senate Resolution Opposing International Internet Regulation

President Ken Wasch Commends Bipartisan Efforts to Preserve & Advance Multistakeholder Governance Model

Washington, D.C. (July 19, 2012) - Ken Wasch, president of the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal trade association for the software and digital content industries, issued the following statement in response to the recent introduction of a bipartisan Senate Resolution (S. Con. Res. 50) opposing efforts to bring the Internet under unnecessary international governmental control.

"We applaud Senator Rubio (R-FL) and the bipartisan group of Senators for defending the Web from control by intergovernmental bodies that could threaten today's reality of Internet freedom. Expanding the control of Intergovernmental bodies could give undue power to governments that seek to undermine Internet freedom and international trade. We need to maintain a global Internet free from unnecessary international governmental control.

"Specifically, several countries have offered misguided, potentially harmful Internet governance proposals to be considered at the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications that could fundamentally and adversely alter the operation of the Internet. It is imperative to preserve and advance the successful multistakeholder model that governs the Internet today - not only to maintain Internet freedom for the United States but for countries around the world."

About SIIA

The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to more than 500 leading software and information companies. The SIIA Software Division provides a forum for companies developing the applications, services, infrastructure and tools that are driving the software and services industry forward. For further information, visit www.siia.net/software

