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Subject:Fwd: Open Letter by Indian civil society organizations to the Chair of the 'MMFIG' being held in Brazil, April, 2014

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Dear Prof. Almeida,

We are writing to follow-up on our message below. As expressed earlier, we have been extremely concerned about the appointment of Ms. Subi Chaturvedi as the Civil Society Co-chair for the Brazil meeting. This concern has only been augmented now that we have learned that the Co-chairs will play a crucial coordinating role between the HLC and the EMC in producing the outcome documents. We reiterate our stance that in these circumstances, the lack of legitimacy of the Civil Society Co-chair of the meeting in the eyes of the wider civil society community is a severe shortcoming that will strongly undermine the legitimacy of the outcome documents. We request you to reconsider the appointment of the Civil Society Co-chair at the earliest.

Best regards,

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2. Sunil Abraham for the Centre for Internet and Society
3. Osama Manzar for the Digital Empowerment Foundation
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P.S. Please note that Prof. Prof. VC Vivekanandan's name was misspelt in the original letter.