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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Open data policy and principles

Dear Madam, Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, at its last meeting (CoP25, Bogota, 2017), adopted Decision XXVI/6: *Open data policy and principles* which states:

The CoP directed the IAI Directorate to define and establish open data policy and principles taking into account the data policy document approved at IAI CoP 2. The document will be presented at the next CoP.

In this regard, the IAI Directorate has communicated with experts working to establish open data catalogs to understand the financial and human requirements of such systems. Issues related to the technical standards of data and information archival, curation and dissemination were also discussed.

During these discussions, the IAI Directorate was made aware of efforts by the Government of Uruguay, through its Agency for Electronic Government and Information and Knowledge Society (AGESIC), to develop and implement an Open Data Catalog (<http://catalogodatos.gub.uy/>) which provides open access to public data through different search mechanisms.

AGESIC was supportive of the IAI Directorate's efforts to better understand the principles which underpin open data. As a result of these discussions, I am pleased to inform you that AGESIC has generously offered the IAI Directorate use of its open data catalog to begin the development of a similar system for use by Member Countries. This joint initiative will provide much needed information on the requirements to develop, implement and administer such a system and offer the Directorate the means to begin work on an IAI open data policy and principles. The result of this work will be presented at CoP26.

The Directorate gratefully acknowledges the contribution by Uruguay towards the development of an IAI open data policy and principles.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director