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4. Proceedings

- (1) Opening
- (2) Introduction of attendees from Ministry of International Affairs and Communications
- (3) Progress on “Measures against illegal and harmful information on the Internet.”
- (4) Summary of main points of contention regarding measures against illegal and harmful information on the Internet.
- (5) Draft Guidelines on “Actions against the Announcement of Suicides on the Internet.”
- (6) Schedule for the next meeting
- (7) Closing

5. Major discussions

Summary of discussions that took place following explanations of the distributed documents by the Secretariat and exponents:

- It may be difficult to handle technical issues in the Study Group—new filtering technologies, for example—but we will discuss with operator groups and others about the provision of filtering services as required upon proposal from members.
- We would like to review the responsibility of providers where the Provider Responsibility Restriction Law is not applied in cases where providers have independently judged certain information as illegal and deleted it.
- As a premise in considering the response of providers to illegal information, we would like the necessity of providers to take independent action against illegal information to be made clear and the scope of illegal information to be addressed.
- We would also like to verify the actual application status regarding deletion requests from the human rights protection body of the Ministry of Justice provided for in the Defamation- and Privacy-related Guidelines of the Provider Responsibility Restriction Law.

- As for the sender information disclosure request specified in Article 4.1 of the Provider Responsibility Restriction Law, there have been cases recently in which sender information was disclosed based on provisional disposition. Accordingly, it is apparently effective to utilize disclosure of sender information based on provisional disposition in order to relieve the suffering of victims.
- Regarding anonymity on the Internet, it is necessary to determine whether related discussions should focus on all information or illegal and harmful information only.
- Issues arising from adult sites pose a number of major concerns in relation to harmful information. Providers could be relieved from taking independent actions against such issues if such issues were addressed by such legislation as the Sex Industry Law or the Dating Website Restriction Law.
- In this Study Group we will hereafter proceed with particular focus on the “independent actions of

providers against illegal and harmful information on the Internet and the mechanism for supporting such action.” Specifically, we will make examine the issue from the following six viewpoints: “a mechanism for supporting providers’ judgment of illegality;” “sender information disclosure under the Provider Responsibility Restriction Law;” “anonymity on the Internet;” “criminal responsibilities of providers;” “transmission of information from abroad;” and “measures against harmful information.”

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