

Dear United Nation Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology,

JPNIC and APNIC appreciate the opportunity to make input to the Global Digital Compact. JPNIC – Japan Network Information Center is the National Internet Registry (NIR) and the Internet Promotion Body for Japan. APNIC - Asia Pacific Network Information Centre is the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) for Asia Pacific Region. As a part of the Internet Technical Community, these support the sound operation of Internet Infrastructure to achieve a prosperous and stable Internet society. This input is from this point of view and for the area of #2 – Avoid internet fragmentation.

## 2. Avoid internet fragmentation

The Internet is a network of networks, with many networks interconnected to function as a single global network as a whole. It is achieved through the adoption of technical standards and by enabling everyone in the world to access the Internet, thereby realizing its function and value as the Internet. If an internet fragmentation occurs, the Internet will cease to function as the Internet in the first place, so it is of utmost importance to avoid the fragmentation. The Internet is the infrastructure for every nation-state, company, organization, and individual on the globe to communicate with each other. Therefore, we must maintain the single global Internet. For this point, JPNIC and APNIC fully support the position which RIPE NCC articulated in a RIPE Labs article “[An Open Internet Remains the Goal](https://labs.ripe.net/author/hans_petter_holen/an-open-internet-remains-the-goal/)” on April 6, 2022<sup>1</sup>, in the section titled “[An Open Internet Remains the Goal](https://labs.ripe.net/author/hans_petter_holen/an-open-internet-remains-the-goal/)”

The coordination bodies of the global Internet Infrastructure, including ICANN, IETF, and RIRs, must be able to sustain the [An Open Internet Remains the Goal](https://labs.ripe.net/author/hans_petter_holen/an-open-internet-remains-the-goal/) distributing IP addresses is subject to sanctions of

a nation-state's foreign policy is an example that a nation-state's jurisdiction affects the single global Internet. It is important to respect the independence and the global impact of these coordination bodies. On the other hand, considerations and assistance should be given to maintaining the business continuity of the coordination bodies when necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://labs.ripe.net/author/hans\\_petter\\_holen/an-open-internet-remains-the-goal/](https://labs.ripe.net/author/hans_petter_holen/an-open-internet-remains-the-goal/)