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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Letter, CG Docket No. 09-158, CC Docket No. 98-170, WC Docket No. 04-36

To the direction of the FCC, concerning the M-Lab:

As a foreign entity we could ignore policy actions detrimental mostly to US citizens and businesses.

Except that we care about good science and the internet has only a limited perception of borders.

The positive science that the M-Lab provides is a support for all the Internet stakeholders.

Moreover as a policy measure it would definitively send the wrong message to other governments.

At best it discredits the US capacity to go on guiding the governance of the Internet.

At worst it would be used as a policy example to justify diverting money from research and public scrutiny toward private gain unrelated to any accountable service.

Therefore the AFUL and The ADULLACT fully support M. Cerf's call.

And we strongly encourage the FCC to continue running an open measurement program, and avoid the risk to even seem to be in a position of "breaking the thermometer".

We urge the managers of the program to reconsider any steps to run measurement tests over closed infrastructure.

If expansion of the current infrastructure is needed, those wishing to provision measurement servers should be encouraged to contribute resources to the Measurement Lab Consortium.

Measurement Lab is a research network, and operates its servers in a consistent, openly documented manner.

This ensures comparable, credible data, and enables the research community to put our faith in the measurement results, and to stake our professional reputations on conclusions based on the data.

Sincerely,

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