



Resolution on safe and open cyberspace

The IDC-CDI recognizes that digital innovations are reshaping our society and economy with a scale and speed that has never been seen before; that they offer unimaginable opportunities for driving growth, jobs and improving the lives of citizens. But we also recognize that with the digitalization of our economies and societies in this interconnected world, more threats will appear that will have the potential to disrupt everyday life. Cyberattacks have shut down electrical grids, airports and government networks; have turned down nuclear centrifuges and financial institutions' network. More recently and worrisome we observe, cyberattacks alongside with disinformation campaigns have attempted to undermine trust in liberal democracy.

The internet has considerable potential to promote democracy, cultural diversity and human rights like the freedom of expression and freedom to information. We must protect these online freedoms.

The IDC-CDI

- Calls on an open, free and safe cyberspace in order to achieve trust among citizens, governments and enterprises.
- Urges to better protection of critical infrastructures and institutional networks from cyberattacks, in order to protect our economies and citizens.
- Calls on companies across the digital and tech sector to step up in taking new and innovative measures to better protect and defend their customers and citizens, including from nation-state attacks.
- Stresses that we must seek global norms for cyberwar. It's not clear that the Geneva Convention and Humanitarian international law apply to cyber-warfare as they apply in traditional war. Before, conflicts between nations were confined to the ground, sea and air. Today, cyberspace has become the new and global battleground. There are governments attempting to exploit and even weaponize software to achieve national security objectives, and also increasing investments in cyber offense.
- Recommends the creation of cyber-diplomacy capacity and instruments at the highest level so that consensus on the rules, norms and enforcement measures in cyberspace can be reached and agreed globally.

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