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Declaration for the Future of the Internet

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'We affirm our commitment to promote and sustain an Internet that is open, free, global, interoperable, secure, and reliable and to ensure that the Internet reinforces democratic principles and human rights and fundamental freedoms.'

The European Union and international partners have proposed a **Declaration for the Future of the Internet** setting out the vision and principles of a **trusted Internet**. The Declaration and its guiding principles will be used as a **reference point** for public policy makers, as well as citizens, businesses, and civil society organisations.

The Declaration for the Future of the Internet goes hand in hand with the Draft EU Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles and Europe's vision for a human centric digital transformation, as reflected in the pioneer Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act, as well as in the proposed rules for trustworthy Artificial Intelligence and for a trusted and secure Digital Identity for all Europeans.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS¹



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United Kingdom



Ukraine



Uruguay

¹ The following partners have endorsed the Declaration and more are expected to follow suit in the coming weeks.

KEY PRINCIPLES

Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the online environment



Protect human rights and the principles of the rule of law including effective remedies



Promote online safety and combat violence online



Reduce illegal and harmful content and activities online while promoting the right to freedom of expression



Oppose abuse of Internet or algorithms for unlawful surveillance or oppression

A Global Internet



Refrain from government-imposed Internet shutdowns or degradation of Internet access to lawful content and services



Promote benefits of data flows based on shared values and trust



Promote cooperation in research and innovation on security threats and responsible state behaviour in cyberspace

Inclusive and Affordable Access to the Internet



Promote affordable, inclusive, and reliable access to the Internet for everyone



Support digital literacy skills



Foster greater exposure to diverse cultural and multilingual content and bolster resilience to disinformation and misinformation

Trust in the Digital Ecosystem



Work together to combat cybercrime, and deter malicious cyber activity



Base government access to personal data according to existing laws and respecting human rights



Protect individuals' privacy and their personal data



Promote online protection of consumers, in particular vulnerable consumers



Promote and use trustworthy network infrastructure and services suppliers



Refrain from using the Internet to undermine voting systems, elections and political processes



Support a rules-based global digital economy fostering fair online markets



Maximise the enabling effects of technology for combatting climate change and protecting the environment

Multi-stakeholder Internet Governance



Protect and strengthen the multi-stakeholder system of Internet governance (i.e. United Nations, World Trade Organisation, G7, G20 etc)



Protect the technical infrastructure essential to the general availability and integrity of the Internet

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