Join Global Advocates: Oppose Expanding ITU Authority to the Internet

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Today, CDT is <u>releasing a letter</u> [1] drafted and signed by an international group of NGOs calling on governments to reject expansion of ITU regulatory authority to the Internet. Addressed to member states and government delegations to the ITU conference, the letter also calls on governments to open their preparatory processes so that technical experts, academics, and human rights advocates may voice their concerns and ideas about the proposals, along with business and government entities.

With signatories hailing from Argentina, Brazil, Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, and the US, among other countries, the letter reads:

CDT believes the government-dominated structure of the ITU is ultimately inadequate for making Internet policy – by its nature, the ITU cannot provide the open, voluntary, decentralized, and inclusive processes that good Internet policymaking requires.

Today's letter represents a continued push for transparency in the WCIT process and for governments attending international fora to represent the common interest not only of government or industry, but of all those who have a stake in the future of the information society.

Civil society organizations and academics from all countries are invited to join this call. To sign the letter or learn more, contact signon@cdt.org [2]. For more background on the ITU, visit CDT's ITU Resource Center [3].

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