CSISAC Welcomes OECD Recommendation on Principles for Internet Policy Making

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The Civil Society Information Society Advisory Council (CSISAC) to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) commends the OECD for reaffirming its commitment to a free, open and inclusive Internet. The Recommendation on Principles for Internet Policy Making adopted on 13 December 2011 by the OECD Council will help advance human rights online.

This statement of OECD Internet Policy Principles will, in conjunction with existing and future OECD policy instruments, inform the development of future policies impacting the Internet. The Principles address a wide array of issues, including the need to strengthen the effectiveness of online privacy protections, increase capacity for evidence-based policy-making, ensure that broadband networks and services are developed to attain ubiquitous national coverage and use, to limit liability for Internet intermediaries, and reaffirm the need to promote online creativity and innovation. As itemized in the OECD Recommendation, these Principles represent an important foundation for creating an inclusive Internet that maximize user's capacity to exercise their fundamental human rights in all online interactions.

Most critically, the Principles envision a collaborative decision-making process that is inclusive of civil society issues and concerns. For example, CSISAC expressed significant concerns about an earlier OECD Communiqué that was a precursor to these OECD Internet Policy-Making Principles. As that Communiqué is annexed to these Principles for information purposes only, CSISAC looks forward to working with the OECD in order to develop these Principles in greater detail and in a manner that promotes openness, is grounded in respect for human rights and the rule of law, and strengthens the capacity to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Background
- OECD Council Recommendation on Principles for Internet Policy Making (13 December 2011)
http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/11/58/49258588.pdf
- CSISAC Issues Statement on OECD Communiqué on Principles For Internet Policy-Making (29 June 2011)
http://csisac.org/CSISAC_PR_06292011.pdf

About CSISAC
CSISAC is a coalition of more than 80 civil society groups from across the globe that provide input into the development of OECD policies relating to the Internet. Since 2009, CSISAC has formally represented the civil society perspective at certain OECD meetings and defended the rights of Internet users worldwide. More Information at: http://csisac.org
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