



CSISAC Steering Committee nomination statement

Anna Fielder, standing to represent **Privacy International** and **Consumer Focus** (UK)

Country/region: International and UK/EU

Related CSISAC goals: Privacy and Transparency; Consumer Protection; Access to Knowledge; Open Standards/Net Neutrality; Balanced IP Policies; Digital Inclusion; ICTs and the Environment

I've been actively involved with the civil society coalition leading to the Future of the Internet Ministerial from the beginning, representing consumers (Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue) on the steering committee and co-authoring the consumer protection chapter of the civil society paper. I have cooperated with the OECD for even longer, since 1997 in fact, while working for Consumers International. I achieved consumer representation on its Committee on Consumer Policy and worked closely with others, including the ICCP. So I know the organisation and its ways of working well, and have always considered civil society representation on it as very important. Not surprisingly I think that having the formal structure of CSISAC is a great achievement, not least because of its diversity of organisations and people all over the world – a unique alliance in fact, and one that has a great deal of work to do to persuade governments to deliver policies that put people at their core. So what other selling points do I have? Well, I have good knowledge of the issues on the table at ICCP as a long standing consumer advocate, and I am well used to work collaboratively with colleagues all over the world and in many different forums.

More important, I am standing to represent on the steering committee two well-known organisations, so will draw on their rich knowledge and policy resources. They are:

- **Privacy International** (www.privacyinternational.org) the oldest surviving privacy advocacy group in the world, and the first to campaign at an international level on privacy issues. PI has an international advisory board with members from over 30 countries. I serve on the board of trustees of PI – click on [http://www.privacyinternational.org/article.shtml?cmd\[347\]=x-347-91569](http://www.privacyinternational.org/article.shtml?cmd[347]=x-347-91569) to find out a bit more about me.
- **Consumer Focus** (www.consumerfocus.org.uk) is the statutory organisation campaigning for a fair deal for consumers in England, Wales, Scotland, and, for postal services, Northern Ireland. Consumer Focus was created through the merger of the National Consumer Council, Energywatch and Postwatch. It is an active member of BEUC (European Consumer Organisation), Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue and Consumers International. I work as policy advisor for Consumer Focus, currently on its digital rights campaign.

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