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# Dublin Conference on Internet Freedom

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## Programme and Annotated Agenda

### Monday, June 18, 2012

09:00-10:00	<p>Arrival at St. Patrick's Hall</p> <p>Accreditation of Participants</p> <p>Tea / Coffee</p>
10:00-10:10	<p>Opening address by <b>Mr. Eamon Gilmore T.D.</b>, Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>
10:15-12.30	<p><b><u>High-Level Panel Discussion: How to ensure that the Internet remains an open, global and public forum for exercising freedom of opinion and expression and for facilitating the enjoyment of other human rights and fundamental freedoms</u></b></p> <p><i>The Internet and other networked technologies have provided citizens in the OSCE region and throughout the world with a new platform for the exercise of their right to freedom of expression, also facilitating the realisation of many other rights.</i></p> <p><i>The objective of this session will be to explore current high-level developments and trends. To advance understanding of the status quo, the session will look at the work underway by governments and key regional and international organisations. Panellists will be asked to identify the crucial issues affecting Internet freedom today and the main challenges in ensuring that the Internet remains an open, global and public forum for exercising freedom of opinion and expression and for facilitating the enjoyment of other human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular freedom of association and freedom of assembly.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Rebecca MacKinnon:</b> Senior Fellow, New America Foundation, Former CNN bureau chief in Beijing and Tokyo; co-founder of Global Voices Online; author of "Consent of the Networked: The Worldwide Struggle for Internet Freedom"</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Thomas O. Melia:</b> Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights</li> </ul>

	<p>and Labor, U.S. Department of State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Frank La Rue:</b> UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Dunja Mijatović:</b> OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Nils Muižnieks:</b> Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Lionel Veer:</b> Ambassador for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-17:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Working Session One: Towards a Shared Understanding on Internet Freedom (1): Online Content</u></b></p> <p><i>Under international law, OSCE participating States are obliged to protect freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas on the Internet.</i></p> <p><i>This session will explore in detail general principles of international human rights law relating to the right to freedom of expression and the Internet, including the duties and responsibilities of governments. The session will identify the limited exceptional circumstances in which restrictions on freedom of expression are acceptable under international human rights law, and also tease-out circumstances in which they are clearly contrary to international law. At a time when there are increasing numbers of cases of censorship, blocking and filtering of online content, panellists will discuss whether, when, and in what form, any type of filtering may be legitimate, and how governments should view increasing censorship by some, as well as calls for top-down regulation, in the light of their obligations under international law. The importance of transparency and oversight mechanisms (or the lack thereof) will also be addressed. This session will also grapple with the question of intermediary liability, the range of reasons and actors behind the growing range and number of ‘take down’ requests, and the intersection between freedom of expression and intellectual property rights.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Kirsty Hughes:</b> Chief Executive of Index on Censorship</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Michael O’Flaherty:</b> Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission; Vice-chair, UN Human Rights Committee; Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-chair, University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Cory Doctorow:</b> Science fiction author, activist, journalist and blogger; Co-editor of Boing Boing (boingboing.net) and author of “Little Brother”</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Agnès Callamard:</b> Executive Director of Article 19</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Emin Milli:</b> Blogger, Azerbaijan</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Helen Sheehy:</b> Solicitor and Head of Legal Affairs for the Irish Recorded Music Association (IRMA)</li> </ul>
17.15-19.45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Google Big Tent, Round Room at the Mansion House, Dawson Street</b>  <b>(Coaches leave from the Upper Courtyard in Dublin Castle immediately after Working Session One)</b></p> 

**Tuesday, June 19, 2012**

09:30-12:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Working Session Two: Towards a Shared Understanding on Internet Freedom (2): Internet Governance and Human Rights</u></b></p> <p><i>Recognising the different motivations which inspire governments, web users, private companies and other stake-holders, this session will consider the value of multi-stakeholder and corporate social responsibility initiatives, such as the Global Network Initiative, and how they might best help to ensure Internet freedom. The session will also discuss some of the specific threats to, and attacks on, the Internet, viz. the threat from malware, hackers, and other forms of cyber-warfare.</i></p> <p><i>Working Session Two will also examine the uses of the Internet to facilitate and enhance the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as potential uses of the Internet and Internet-based surveillance technology to limit, hinder, control, monitor and/or manipulate the exercise of these rights. Panellists will examine measures that can be taken by Internet users, including bloggers and human rights activists, to protect themselves from illicit monitoring and repression.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Johnny Ryan:</b> Chief Innovation Officer, The Irish Times Newspaper; Associate on the emerging digital environment in the strategy &amp; marketing group at the Judge Business School of the University of Cambridge; Author of "A History of the Internet and the Digital Future"</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amb. Janez Lenarčič:</b> Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Jamie Shea:</b> Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Daniel Calingaert:</b> Vice-President of Policy and External Affairs, Freedom House</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Andrew Anderson:</b> Deputy Director of Front Line Defenders</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Natallia Radzina:</b> Editor-in-Chief, charter97.org</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-17:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Working Session Three: Towards a Shared Understanding on Internet Freedom (3): New Media: Social Media and Social Networks</u></b></p> <p><i>Social media and social networks make it easier than ever before to share information, impart and receive news, and comment on and discuss ideas. Websites and networks such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LiveJournal, to name but a few, are changing the way news and information are generated and accessed. They serve traditional media as tools for journalists to create content, as tools for distributing information and as tools for accessing new information. Bloggers have expanded the scope of journalism and added new forms of 'citizen journalism' to the media landscape, as best demonstrated in North Africa and the Middle East in the past 18 months.</i></p> <p><i>This final session looks into the use of social media and social networks as tools for seeking, obtaining, and imparting information, examining the convergence of these new media and more traditional forms of journalism. Panellists will consider the role of new media in creating and maintaining networks and associations and in organising events or assemblies, both online and offline. This session will also address the issues of data protection, privacy and anonymity on the Internet.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. John Kampfner:</b> Adviser to Google on freedom of expression and culture; Author, broadcaster and commentator; Former Chief Executive of the Index on Censorship and former editor of The New Statesman.</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Birgitta Jónsdóttir:</b> Icelandic MP for The Movement. Chief sponsor of the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative and Chair of the Board of IMMI</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Sonia Flynn:</b> Director of Online Operations, Facebook</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ian Brown:</b> Associate Director, Oxford University Cyber Security Centre</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Gavin Sheridan:</b> Innovation Director, Storyful</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Gary Davis:</b> Deputy Data Protection Commissioner, Ireland</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Afef Abrougui:</b> Journalist, Tunisia</li> </ul>
17:00-17:15	Short Break

17:15-17:45

**Presentation of Key Conference Recommendations to OSCE participating States and Institutions, followed by Closing Remarks**

- **Mr. Robert Guerra:** Special Advisor, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto; Co-founder Privaterra
- **Mr. Frank Cogan:** Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Taskforce, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade