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Gabrielle Guillemin joined ARTICLE 19 in 2011. She leads the organization's work on digital rights policy issues, including platform regulation across all types of content, from terrorism to hate speech and disinformation, as well as on surveillance and cybercrime issues. She recently advised the UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Opinion and Expression for her forthcoming report on disinformation. She has led interventions or advised on cases before the European Court of Human Rights, the French Conseil d'Etat, the Supreme Court of Canada, the Court of Justice of the European Union, as well as courts in the UK and Kenya, among others. She has given evidence before the UK House of Lords Committee on social media and criminal offences. From 2013 to 2015, she was a member of the Council of Europe Expert Committee on crossborder flow of Internet traffic and Internet freedoms (MSI-INT), and from 2018-2020 was a member of the MSI-AUT Committee of experts on Human Rights Dimensions of automated data processing and different forms of artificial intelligence. She represents ARTICLE 19 in the transparency and legal frameworks working groups at the Global Internet Forum on Counter Terrorism, and is a member of the advisory network to the ChristChurch Call to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content. She regularly speaks at public events and conferences on digital rights and internet freedom issues around the world.

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