



Global Statement on the Role of Encryption in Securing Trust and Enabling the Digital Economy

The undersigned believe that strong encryption is essential to the global digital economy. Encryption safeguards user privacy, protects sensitive data, and enables trust, which are foundations of commerce, communication, and innovation. Encryption is a vital tool for ensuring that consumers, businesses, and governments can confidently engage online, fostering a secure environment that supports economic growth and cross-border collaboration.

Any effort to undermine encryption, whether through backdoors, key escrow systems, or technical mandates, undermines that trust. Weakening encryption introduces systemic vulnerabilities that criminals and hostile actors can exploit, erodes consumer confidence, and drives users and businesses toward unsecure platforms. Further, inconsistent national approaches to encryption risk fragmenting the global digital economy, creating barriers to trade and interoperability across borders.

We recognise the legitimate needs of law enforcement and national security agencies to access evidence and combat crime. However, these goals must be pursued through lawful, proportionate, and technologically sound means that do not compromise the safety and privacy of billions of consumer and enterprise users. Policymakers should strengthen, not weaken, the tools that protect our shared digital infrastructure.

By endorsing this statement, we collectively call on governments around the globe to advance policies that protect encryption as a vital enabler of digital trust and economic prosperity. All

stakeholders must stand together to ensure that strong encryption remains available to establish and maintain trust across the global digital economy.

1. ACT | The App Association
2. AfICTA-Africa ICT Alliance
3. Africa Center for Education Technology and Innovation
4. Associazione Italiana Internet Provider
5. Business Software Alliance
6. Center for Democracy & Technology
7. Center for Online Safety and Liberty
8. Coalition of Services Industries (CSI)
9. Computer and Communications Industry Association
10. Comunitatea Internet Association
11. Connected Commerce Council
12. Consumer Choice Center Europe
13. Cybersecurity Advisors Network (CyAN)
14. Danish Entrepreneurs
15. Data Rights
16. Demand Progress
17. Digital Rights Nepal (DRN)
18. Digital Rights Zimbabwe
19. Digital Transparency Lab
20. DigiTelHer
21. eco – Association of the Internet Industry
22. Engine
23. EuroISPA - European Internet Services Providers Association
24. FiCom ry
25. Global Partners Digital
26. HOUSE OF AFRICA
27. Human Rights Journalists Network Nigeria
28. Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)
29. Internet Australia
30. Internet Governance Project at Georgia Tech
31. Internet Infrastructure Coalition
32. Internet Safe Kids Africa
33. Internet Society
34. Internet Society – Brazil Chapter
35. Internet Society – Catalan Chapter
36. Internet Society – India Hyderabad Chapter
37. Internet Society – Jamaica Chapter
38. Internet Society – Mali Chapter
39. Internet Society – Paraguay Chapter
40. Internet Society – United Kingdom Chapter
41. Japan Association of New Economy
42. JCA-NET (Japan)
43. Kijiji Yeetu
44. Koneta Hub
45. LGBT Tech
46. Media Rights Agenda (MRA)
47. National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC)
48. OpenMedia
49. Pristine SACC Education and Technology Initiative
50. Privacy & Access Council of Canada
51. Restore The Fourth
52. Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
53. Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)
54. Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (S.T.O.P.)
55. TechFreedom
56. Technology Trade Regulation Alliance (TTRA)
57. TEDIC
58. UBUNTEAM
59. US-ASEAN Business Council
60. VPN Trust Initiative