

Statements of Germany



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Statement of the German Government Continuation of the IGF

In an innovative approach this Forum was established as a unique platform for a non-binding multi-stakeholder dialogue.

It is the only forum that allows a gathering of representatives from all geographical regions across all stakeholder groups to discuss all aspects of Internet Governance on an equal footing. We feel that the lack of pressure to negotiate binding outcomes contributes to frank and open exchanges.

- •the number and diversity of the participants at IGF meetings, the impressive amount of workshops and best practice forums have shown that the forum continues to be perceived as useful;
- •the IGF has triggered follow-up discussions in the context of dynamic coalitions and has inspired debates at regional and national level;
- •and above all the IGF has also provided a space to address controversial issues and discuss possible solutions.

Germany therefore believes that the IGF should be continued.



Statement of the German Government ITU IPv6 Group

Our view:

The ITU's initiative is an attempt aiming at levering the existing mechanisms of allocating IP addresses and thus at submitting the management of IP addresses to greater control by the state.

The ITU's initiative in the context of which the establishment of the IPv6 group can be seen seeks to substantially change the manner in which IT addresses are allocated and managed.

As the intervention intended by the ITU poses substantial risks to the workability of the Internet as an information medium and platform to do business.

Germany follows this initiative very critically and will not support it actively.



Thank you for your attention!