

# Delhi Declaration for a Just and Equitable Internet

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The Internet has become a vitally important social infrastructure that profoundly impacts our societies. We are all citizens of an Internet-mediated world whether as the minority who uses it or the majority who does not. The Internet must advance human rights and social justice. Internet governance must be truly democratic.

The Internet has transformed the way we do many things; however the benefits promised for all have not been adequately realized. On the contrary, we have seen mass surveillance; abusive use of personal data as a means for social and political control; the monopolization and commodification of information and knowledge; inequitable flows of finances between poor and rich countries; and erosion of cultural diversity.

Opportunities for the many to participate in the very real benefits of the Internet, and to fully realize its enormous potential, are being thwarted by growing control of the Internet by those with power - large corporations and certain national governments.

Ensuring that the Internet does not in fact lead to even greater concentration of power will require appropriate interventions at all levels of Internet governance. Existing governance arrangements for