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## Online censorship by Russian authorities undermines fundamental rights

The Russian government has systematically restricted Internet freedoms in recent years, by blocking access to online resources, censoring media and persecuting users for expressing opinions online.

Popular Internet services are also under pressure, including global platforms and instant messengers. Russian authorities are requiring them to lower users' privacy protections and weaken or remove encryption, creating a backdoor for intelligence services and police.

These recent actions by Russian authorities indicate a further and serious degradation of Internet freedoms aimed at undermining fundamental human rights.

In light of these developments, INCLO's undersigned members endorse the [statement](#) signed by Reporters Without Borders together with nine other human rights, media and Internet freedom organizations.

Signed,

Agora International Human Rights Group (Russia)  
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Association of Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)  
Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA)  
Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS, Argentina)  
DeJusticia (Colombia)  
Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR)  
Human Rights Law Network (HRLN, India)  
Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (HCLU)  
Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL)  
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