

Internet Common Values Charter

We, the undersigned,

believe that freedom of expression is fundamental, that social responsibility is equally important and that a balance has to be struck between these two principles;

note that hate speech and incitement to hatred on the Internet is increasing, that uncountable instances of hate speech and incitement to hatred, of cyber bullying and stalking undermine the online atmosphere and are harmful to everyone, that online hate contributes to, and feeds extremism, radicalisation and violence in real life, while cyber bullying and stalking further erode the environment and safety of citizens;

agree that harmful online behaviour concerns us all and we have the power to stop it or at least curb it and that we, representatives of the Internet industry, NGOs, private users, members of the media, politicians and others accept our responsibility for creating a better online environment for all Internet users;

In order to achieve this, we have agreed a set of common values and goals, as follows:

1. We pledge to use, uphold and enforce online language and behaviour that is respectful of others, whatever their age, descent, nationality, creed, religion, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation and to use language that unites rather than divides;
2. We commit to use language and behaviour in accordance with international human rights standards as laid down in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to conduct ourselves with civility and with respect for others;
3. We will not allow the singling-out or scapegoating of individuals or groups because of their descent, nationality, creed, religion, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation;
4. While using the Internet in our professional and private lives, we will strive to create Rules of Behaviour, Terms of Service, Codes of Conduct and such that are in line, and will promote, the principles laid out in this charter;
5. We, different Internet stakeholders, will strive to work closer together in finding and applying methods to curb the propagation of hate speech and incitement to violence on the Internet, including by adhering to our own Terms of Service;
6. We pledge to empower victims of cyber hate, and in particular to aid them in justifiable complaints to Internet service providers and social media platforms who fail to provide accessible complaints mechanisms or fail to remove hate messages that breach terms of service, by publicising their cases, harnessing commercial pressure and those of communities;
7. We pledge to work on media responsibility and to educate users, to raise awareness and to establish and enforce strong guidelines for media use, to emphasize editorial responsibility and to pursue efficient and objective moderation.

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30	Reinhold Gaertner	Austria	
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23	Stephan J. Kramer, Generalsekretär Des Zentralrats Der Juden In Deutschland K.D.Ö.R.	Germany	
22	Romani Rose, Vorsitzender Des Zentralrats Deutscher Sinti Und Roma	Germany	
21	Internet Centre Anti Racism Europe (ICARE)	Netherlands	
20	Simon Wiesenthal Center Europe	France	
19	Community Security Trust (CST)	United Kingdom	
18	Canadian Anti-Racism Education And Research Society (CAERS)	Canada	
17	Institute Of Human Rights And Prevention Of Extremism And Xenophobia (IHRPEX)	Ukraine	
16	Movimiento Contra La Intolerancia	Spain	
15	People Against Racism	Slovakia	
14	Regional Centre For Minorities	Serbia	
13	Sova Center	Russian Federation	
12	Media Monitoring Agency	Romania	
11	Nigdy Wiêcej/Never Again Association	Poland	
10	Latvian Centre For Human Rights	Latvia	
9	Documentation And Advisory Centre On Racial Discrimination (DRC)	Denmark	
8	Czech Helsinki Committee	Czech Republic	
7	Centre For Equal Opportunities And Opposition To Racism	Belgium	
6	ZARA - Zivilcourage Und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit	Austria	
5	Diskrimineringsbyrån Uppsala (DU)	Sweden	
4	ADL - Anti Defamation League	USA	

3	LICRA - Ligue Internationale Contre Le Racisme Et L'Antisémitisme	France	
2	Stichting Magenta, Meldpunt Discriminatie Internet	Netherlands	
1	Jugendschutz.Net	Germany	

Freedom of Speech has to go hand in hand with respect and social responsibility. For 10 years INACH advocates for its main goal: to bring the online in line with Human Rights. Internet industry, NGO's, members of the media, politicians and governments as well as private Internet users are invited to support this goal towards a better online environment by signing the Internet Common Values Charter.

The Charter was launched by INACH members on the occasion of the anniversary conference 2012 in Berlin.