

To the ISOC Cameroon Chapter

Dear Colleagues

The Civil Society Internet Governance Caucus (IGC, <http://igcaucus.org> ) is a global network of civil society actors who originally came together in the context of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) to promote global public interest objectives in Internet governance policy making.

We are firmly convinced that Internet shutdowns are not acceptable in regard to any region and not justifiable in any way, and that such shutdowns must be opposed vigorously.

We would have expected everyone who associates themselves with ISOC to be committed to ISOC's principle stating that "The Internet is for Everyone".

For further elaboration of the important principle of *Internet access and affordability* along with related rights and freedoms, we refer to the African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms, <http://africaninternetrights.org/articles/> .

In light of these principles and rights, we would like to respectfully urge the ISOC Cameroon Chapter to adopt a corresponding strong stance in regard to Internet shutdowns in some regions of the country, and to denounce and oppose such dreadful measures with all earnestness.

The reason why we write to you in this matter is a posting to our mailing list on January 26, 2017, which was signed "ISOC Cameroon, President" and which expressed views that were not at all consistent with the above.

Best regards  
Internet Governance Caucus (IGC)

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