

Template and Style Guidelines for the Request for Consultation (RFC) of the Norm Package Singapore of the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC)

Overview

Purpose: This public comment procedure seeks to solicit comments and obtain additional feedback on the proposed norms of the Norm Package Singapore, issued by the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC) in November 2018.

Consultation period: Open from December 17, 2018 until January 17, 2019.

Methodology: Submit your feedback using the guidelines below on template and style to the GCSC Secretariat (cyber@hcss.nl) by COB January 17, 2019.

More details about the RFC, the GCSC and the Norm Package Singapore are available [on the GCSC website](#).

Template

We kindly ask that you follow this template when providing feedback:

1. **Norm:** Are there specific wording issues with the norm as stated? If so, please identify and explain the wording issue (Would this wording have unintended consequences that you see as negative? Would it miss some of the intended impact?), and offer an alternative wording, describing how it achieves a different purpose.
2. **Background Notes:** Do the background notes sufficiently and comprehensively explicate the norm? Are there aspects not mentioned in the general explanation or the background notes that would usefully inform the Commission about the context within which the norm would operate?
3. **Implementation:** Do you have specific guidance on how stakeholders could move towards implementation of this norm?
4. **Supporting Documents:** Are there documents or public declarations tackling a similar or related issue? If so, please provide us with a link so the Commission can decide whether to reference said document(s) in its final report.
5. **Examples:** Are there any instances you are aware of where this norm has been breached? If so, please provide us with a description of the incident and explain how it breaches the proposed norm.

Style

We kindly ask if you can put your comments in the following general format:

1. **Survey information:** To categorize your response, please make sure to identify yourself and state your affiliation, indicating if you are either a government (including international and regional organizations), civil society (including NGOs, academia, advocacy groups, technical community, or similar), or private sector actor.
2. **Introduction** of 1-2 paragraphs with general comments on the norm(s) you are reviewing. This can either be one introduction section per norm or for the document as a whole as you see fit.
3. **When proposing edits to individual words or sections**, please highlight the page number and the word or section you are referring to, followed by comments or edits.
4. **If you would like to propose new norms or similar**, please first reference an existing norm that comes closest to it and explain why this norm is insufficient. In all cases, please keep in mind the mission statement of the GCSC.¹

¹ GCSC mission statement: The Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC) engages the full range of stakeholders to develop proposals for norms and policies to enhance international security and stability, and guide responsible state and non-state behavior in cyberspace.