***freedom of expression and the telecommunications and internet access sector***

***QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATES***

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The Special Rapporteur calls on States to share information concerning:

1. Laws, regulations and other measures (including, where applicable, contractual arrangements and extralegal measures) that may permit authorities to require Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers to:
	1. suspend or restrict access to websites or Internet and telecommunications networks; and
	2. provide or facilitate access to customer data;

***ad a) Act no. 186/2016 Coll., On Gambling (put forward by the Ministry of Finance)***

***ad b) Electronic Communications Act (no. 127/2005 Coll.): para 97 Tapping and Recording Messages – only for the purposes of the Police, Security Information Service and/or Military Intelligence Service on request of these parties.***

1. Laws, regulations and other measures (including, where applicable, contractual arrangements and extralegal measures) governing/regulating the activities of private entities that provide network components or related technical support, such as network equipment providers, submarine cable providers, and Internet exchange points;

***Electronic Communications Act (no. 127/2005 Coll.) and subordinate legislation.***

1. Laws, regulations and other measures (including, where applicable, contractual arrangements and extralegal measures) on public disclosure of requests made or actions taken to a) suspend or restrict access to websites or Internet and telecommunications networks; and b) to provide or facilitate access to customer data;

***ad a) para 84 of the Act no. 186/2016 Coll., On Gambling – the Ministry of Finance issues and publishes list of the illegal Internet games.***

1. Remedies available in the event of undue restrictions on Internet and telecommunications access or undue access to customer data;

***Electronic Communications Act (no. 127/2005 Coll.) contains provisions on remedies. The overall remedy is to put the case to the court.***

and

1. Other relevant laws, policies or initiatives to promote or enhance Internet accessibility and connectivity, including measures to promote network neutrality.

***National Plan for the Development of Next Generation Networks lays down the state policy in the area of Next Generation Networks and sets the basis for state financial support of the construction of Next Generation Access Networks (NGA) to enable access to the high-speed Internet by 2020.***

***The Act on measures to reduce the costs for deploying high-speed electronic communications networks and on amendments to some related Acts has been approved by the Government and was passed to the Parliament for its approval.***