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Amnesty International joins multi stakeholder initiative on internet and human rights

Amnesty International today (23 January) announced that it would be part of multi-stakeholder discussions with companies including Google, Microsoft and Yahoo!, other NGOs, experts, and socially responsible investment funds, to establish principles for safeguarding human rights on the Internet.

The human rights organisation welcomed the initiative but warned that entering the discussions would not stop it from campaigning against companies that collude with governments in human rights abuses.

Amnesty International also stated that the talks would continue in parallel with its support for proposed legislative measures in the US and elsewhere to combat internet repression worldwide.

The talks come after 60,000 people joined Amnesty's *irrepressible.info* campaign, highlighting the repression of internet users around the world and the collusion of companies such as Google, Microsoft and Yahoo! with the Chinese authorities to restrict access to information over the Internet. For more information see <http://irrepressible.info>