

*Feedback on the BPF draft output document.*

p.38 "Freedom Online Coalition Recommendations for Human Rights Based Approaches to Cybersecurity".

This information will provide additional context for the reader and refer to expressions of support for the recommendations, both of which put the work in a broader perspective. It also indicates how the work is being taken forward.

The cybersecurity and human rights definition and recommendations by the Freedom Online Coalition Working Group "Internet Free and Secure" were endorsed by the 30 member governments of the Freedom Online Coalition in a statement that can be found here:

<https://freeandsecure.online/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/FOC-Statement-on-a-Human-Rights-Based-Approach-to-Cybersecurity.pdf>

The FOC governments stated that:

"The Freedom Online Coalition maintains that human rights and cybersecurity are complementary, mutually reinforcing and interdependent. Both are essential for the promotion of freedom and security. The Coalition believes there is a pressing need to move beyond the dominant rights versus cybersecurity paradigm, by recognising that individual security is a core component of cybersecurity and a that secure Internet is central to promoting human rights. ... **We encourage all stakeholders involved in cybersecurity-related activities to take into account the Working Group's Definition and Recommendations in their policy development and deliberations.**"

A document that includes the Working Group's definition, recommendations and the statement of support from the 30 governments can be found here:

[https://freeandsecure.online/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/IFSI-RD-Statement\\_web.pdf](https://freeandsecure.online/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/IFSI-RD-Statement_web.pdf)

While the original Freedom Online Coalition Working Group's mandate has now expired, the work continues through The Internet Free and Secure Initiative (IFSI) <https://freeandsecure.online/>. IFSI promotes and builds on the work of the "Internet Free and Secure" Working Group and is led and supported by members of the original Working Group. For more information contact: [info@freeandsecure.online](mailto:info@freeandsecure.online)

The cybersecurity and human rights recommendations have been used and/or quoted in numerous policy discussions, articles, cybersecurity policy development processes and conferences across the globe.