

Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur Privacy

Respected Chair!

The concern over right to privacy is increasing particularly in the context of digital technologies, as the collection and use of personal data has become more widespread and pervasive, and even used to carry out financial and cyber crimes. There is an urgent need to develop effective legislative framework for regulating the same. However, in the era of digitization and globalization, the issue of privacy transcends the border and involves many stakeholders including Individuals, Government, Private companies, Civil Society Organization, technical and academic communities, etc. We need to develop a common framework for all countries to regulate the use of personal data especially by private stakeholders such as intermediaries and internet service providers. Human rights principles are same for all, and, hence, the yardstick of balancing rights such as freedom of speech & expression and privacy needs to be same everywhere. It's high time to evolve a well coordinated global response for ensuring transparent, responsible and accountable use of data so that right to privacy is respected and protected in practice.

Thankyou.