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THE SURVEILLANCE INDUSTRY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Room IX

13:30–15:00

With a strong state/company nexus and the incentive of enormous profits, skilled and enterprising corporate actors are actively seeking to discover vulnerabilities in the digital platforms on which all of us rely – not for the purpose of responsible disclosure, but to develop and sell surveillance tools that exploit such platforms. As demand has grown for digital surveillance tools, private industry has stepped forward to supply niche expertise and technology to enable surveillance worldwide, including by states with track records of human rights and surveillance abuses.

Individuals around the world, regardless of jurisdiction in which they reside, are potential targets of such surveillance. Restraints on the surveillance trade are few, and when abuses occur, remedy is largely unavailable given existing legal, regulatory, and normative gaps.

We invite all stakeholders to join us for a side event on 27 June to address this issue in depth. The event will provide an opportunity to explore the key findings and recommendations of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression to the 41st session of the Council on ‘Surveillance and human rights’; to learn about the experiences of individuals who have been targeted by invasive surveillance technology; and to discuss prospects for greater transparency and accountability surrounding the digital surveillance trade.

Moderator: Ambassador Rosemary McCarney, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva

Panelists:

- **David Kaye**, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
- **Danna Ingleton**, Deputy Director, Amnesty International
- **Ron Deibert**, Director, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto
- **Luis Fernando García**, Executive Director, R3D: Red en Defensa de los Derechos Digitales