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In response to request for public consultation on the zero draft of the Freedom Online Coalition (FOC) 'Donor Principles for Human Rights in the Digital Age', the Centre for Multilateral Affairs made the following proposals/edits to the original text [underlined] and added, additional point No.10 on the original principles. The original text is based on preliminary feedback from an FCG internal multistakeholder drafting group.

Principles

1. Support digital and data management systems and associated governance frameworks, 'through transparent and accountable mechanisms of bi-lateral and multilateral co-operation based on shared beliefs and mutual respect and in ways' that promote and strengthen human rights and democratic governance.
2. 'While recognizing the differentiated capacities, needs and status of development in technology in both low-and high-income countries', support the alignment of legal and regulatory frameworks and technical standards with international human rights laws, standards, and principles to monitor, prevent, and/or mitigate adverse impacts of digital technologies and data.
3. 'Encourage, drive and foster' private and public-sector investment 'through a more inclusive and transparent' rights-respecting digital innovation and data management 'approaches', including through supporting processes for public service software development.
4. Encourage and develop impact assessment processes on how human rights considerations are integrated into all programs with digital components across sectors during bi-lateral and governmental

negotiations and with other stakeholders. This may be done through bilateral agreements with states, and other forms of cooperation with civil society or private sector to enhance compliance to human rights principles and foster accountability.

5. Encourage and support programs that prioritizes digital inclusion, narrows the digital divide – especially in terms of gender and marginalized groups including by engaging with stakeholders and resources from the local digital ecosystem.
6. Promote meaningful human centered education system through the development of digital innovation and ICT centers of excellence and encourage participation of new and diverse actors – especially individuals and groups who experience vulnerability, marginalization or exclusion – in the design and development of digital solutions and the governance and evaluation of digital technologies and data.
7. Facilitate and strengthen effective multi-stakeholder alliances and foster donor coordination both and across global south and the global north or low-and high-income countries
8. Encourage a “Hippocratic Oath” for individuals involved in the lifecycle of software and algorithmic development.
9. Adopt and promote the Principles for Digital Development,¹ including by integrating digital solutions across sectors and programs, focusing on marginalized communities and ensuring the benefits of digital transformation positively impacts the lives of everyone and leaves no one behind.
10. Support and prioritize cyber capacity building needs of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean and ensure that these low-income countries identify specific cybersecurity capacity building needs in order to achieve its digital transformation agenda. Priority areas for cyber capacity building may include: governance, technical and policy upskilling, innovation, research, planning and development.

¹ See, for example, *Principles for Digital Development*, <https://digitalprinciples.org/>