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Dear Rod Beckstrom,

It has come to my attention that the future of the internet is being hotly debated even as I write this letter. The calls from many less fortunate countries that are around the globe for a UN run governmental body to govern this vast network is truly frightening, not only in the problems it could cause in international relations and such, but for the terrifyingly small amount of privacy that it would allow any user of this grand resource. The potential for this group to become a big brother is truly terrifying, for with the powers that it could gain as a wing of one of the most powerful organizations in the world, there would be nowhere to run from its all seeing eye and it could clamp down on non-supporters in such a way to make it look like they don't exist.

That isn't to say that this is the most prominent concern, for the international community would surely object if they noticed such things happening and cause the program to be dissolved, for that title is given to honor the problems on a international scale that could occur. If this body was truly made, then whose laws would it operate on? If it were US laws on freedom of information and privacy, as would be hoped due to the freedoms this allows, then we would be, inevitably, in conflict with the laws regarding freedom of information from the Chinese. This could cause a very serious strain for international relations, which might push some countries that are already angry to war with other countries. For, in order to maintain the power of this group, its laws would have to be enforced, and if the ruling made was in direct violation of that country's code of conduct, then it would be tantamount to trampling over their sovereignty as a nation.

To ignore the problems of a single body governing the entire net in all of its complexity would be folly, for the entire body would also have to effectively be given the powers granted by martial law in order to catch anybody on time. The scope of monitoring would be so vast that the group would become easily overwhelmed, and each and every "pirate" that roams around the net would be able to evade them with ease. I therefore plead that, if there has not already been a decision made by the international community on this issue, you urge them to at least consider the possibility of a fractional organization to oversee the net. For each small fraction would be more able to adapt to the ever changing laws that humanity makes in its given area of governance, and would be able to obviously prevent the problem of international conflict by being in accordance with the law in its area of governance.

Respectfully,
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