

Declaration in support of the Catalan Referendum and self-determination

There is no individual freedom without freedom of peoples.

Due to the events that took place in Catalonia these last days, the community of Ubuntu in Catalan condemns any act of censorship, either by the closure of web pages, arrests, breaks in newspapers and the media, printing slots, control of the mail,

We declare:

1. The use of some of the main telecommunications operators to prevent access to information on websites that are outside the state and therefore far from its scope to close them, seriously impairs the neutrality of the network because we believe that this design, from its creation, flows freely, without discrimination in relation to the origin, destination, protocol or content, and thus must continue to guarantee the equality and freedom to everybody.
2. The arrest of Pep Masolive, director of systems of the puntCAT foundation, and the attempt to transfer to the foundation the burden of making censors is especially serious, forcing them to exercise the monitoring of the content of all domains .cat
3. We find troubling and irregular the arrests of individuals, activists and colleagues, accusing them of other things of embezzlement or drug trafficking complaint templates by the mere fact of copying or disseminating media alternative access to websites with information about the self-determination referendum on October 1.
4. In support of Freedom of Expression and Human Rights.
5. For a Free and Neutral Internet.
6. We disagree with the actions undertaken towards the puntCAT foundation.
7. Our solidarity and support for the rest of the detainees, quoted and investigated.
8. That the only democratic solution is to consult the referendum opinion and we encourage everyone to vote for freedom and democracy.

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Catalan Ubuntu Community of users