Microsoft GC Calls for New Rules to Handle Government Data Requests

Microsoft's general counsel says he wants 2015 to be a "year for solutions" when it comes to the intersection of the internet and international law, according to a report at GeekWire.com.

Brad Smith told an audience at a an event organized by the Center for European Policy Studies in Brussels, Belgium that the regulations governing how internet companies handle user privacy and government requests for data are woefully outdated and ready for a refresh.

Smith said that governments need to set up a new framework for handling security and data requests, GeekWire reports. In particular, he called for greater transparency, and protection of "fundamental freedoms," including freedom of speech and a right to privacy.

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