

**Question for written answer E-004996/2011
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Commissioner Malmström's personal actions to oppose extended Internet blocking

On 6 May 2010, Commissioner Malmström gave a keynote speech at a conference, presenting the Commission's proposed Directive to combat sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. On the subject of blocking sexual child abuse pictures on the Internet, Commissioner Malmström said:

'[T]he Commission's proposal is about child abuse images, no more no less. The Commission has absolutely no plans to propose blocking of other types of content – and I would personally very strongly oppose any such idea.'¹

On 17 February 2011, the Council's Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) presented its 'intention to propose concrete measures towards creating a single secure European cyberspace with a certain "virtual Schengen border" and "virtual access points" whereby the Internet Service Providers (ISP) would block illicit contents on the basis of the EU "black-list"'².

What has Commissioner Malmström personally done to oppose this idea?

¹ http://www.meldpunt-kinderporno.nl/files/Biblio/Speech-Malmstrom-Combating-sexual-abuse06_05_2010.pdf

² <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st07/st07181.en11.pdf>