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UN Human Rights Council Special Rapporteur on Privacy announced.

French surveillance law criticised by UN, while Germany will impose controls on surveillance products exports.

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Major events in July & August

15 June-3 July: 29th regular session of the Human Rights Council

1-2 July: First WSIS preparatory meeting of Member States in New York, followed by informal interactive WSIS stakeholder consultation

6-9 July: 3rd Africa DNS Forum

6-10 July: ECOSOC High-level Segment and Annual Ministerial Review in New York

9-10 July: SCO BRICS summit in Ufa, Russia

13-16 July: Financing for Development – Time for Global Action, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
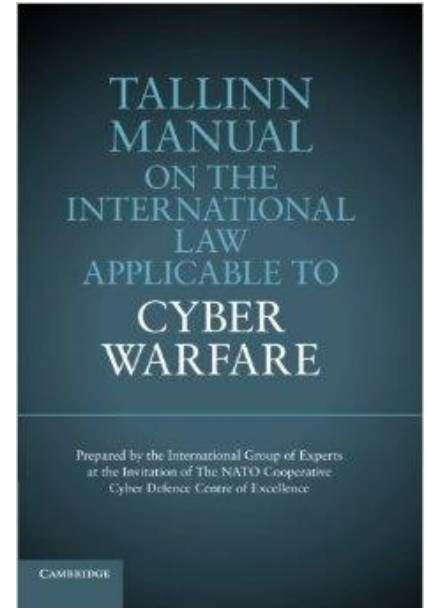
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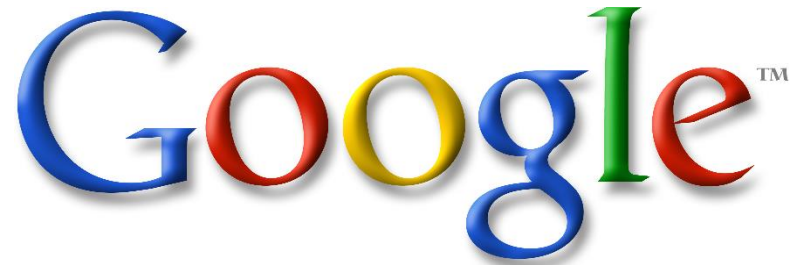
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2-4 September: IGF 2015 Third Open Consultations and MAG meeting

2-5 September: African School on Internet Governance9-10 Sept: Global Cyberspace Cooperation Summit VI (New York)

14 September – 2 October: UN Human Rights Council - 30th regular session

15 September: UNGA 70th session starts today

18-19 September IANA ICG Face-to-Face Meeting

25-27 September: United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda

27 September: Solutions Summit (New York)

28-29 September: European Cybersecurity Forum (Kraków, Poland)

30 September: NTIA IANA contract deadline extended till 30 September 2016

30 September – 2 October: 3rd Europol-INTERPOL Cybercrime Conference (The Hague)

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Coming up…

28-29 August: **Asia Cyber Diplomacy Workshop**

14-19 September: **Legal Instruments for the Internet Economy**

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