

PLEASE REPLY TO:- PO Box 570

RH1 2WZ

13th February 2017

**Pedro Monteiro** 

**Ministerial Support Team** 

4th Floor, 100 Parliament Sq.

London SW1A 2BQ

Dear Mr Monteiro,

STATE CENSORSHIP OF BRITISH INTERNET.

We apologise for the incorrect postcode on our last letter and are grateful for your prompt reply of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016, the contents of which we have noted. Pursuant to the latter, we have the following points

- 1. No other country requires provision of identity to access any website. The United Nations Human Rights Council has stated that this breaches the Human Right to Privacy.
- 2. The British Board of Film Classification exceeds its remit by prohibiting the depiction of LAWFUL non-conventional sexual activity (eg ball-gags, face-sitting, female ejaculation, urinal "water-sports" etc.) . If imposed on the UK internet, this will constitute a gross violation of the Human Right of Freedom of Expression.
- 3. In addition, the BBFC is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act and can thus impose secret censorship, without explanation.

Please, therefore, let us know:

- -how the privacy of British internet users will be protected,
- -if the BBFC will be allowed to block websites depicting lawful activity.
- -if the names of blocked websites will be published, with reasons.
- -what right of appeal will exist against any blocking. (Both the Human Rights Act and the common law rules of natural justice require a right of appeal).

CAC's position is set out in the enclosed excerpt from our February 2017 Newsletter, Yours for freedom of expression (even in UK).

E. Goodman, Chair of CAC.

Enc.