In its latest proposal for a Regulation on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online, the European Commission continues its trend of producing a watershed of “solutions” to terrorist propaganda on the internet.

Measures such as the proposed pre-emptive filtering of content, or the outsourcing of difficult balancing acts regarding freedom of expression to internet companies, have serious and far reaching consequences for the fundamental rights of citizens, the functioning of the internet in Europe, and the rule of law.

Simultaneously, the Report on Terrorism of the European Parliament’s Special Committee on Terrorism (TERR) was adopted in a plenary vote in Strasbourg on 12 December 2018.

Article 47 of this Report directly addresses the terrorist content Regulation, as it calls for its swift adoption and supports the measures that are the most dangerous for citizens’ fundamental rights. Worse still, it invites the Member States to put in place such harmful measures if the adoption of the European legislation is delayed.