

Web summit considers cyber-nonproliferation pact

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(AP) -- The chairman of one of the world's leading telecommunications companies says that cyber attacks are being developed so rapidly that a new nonproliferation treaty is needed to control their use.

BT Group PLC Chairman Michael Rake says the world's militaries are being drawn into a 21st-century arms race and suggested that an international pact could help bring it under control.

Rake told a group of policymakers and business leaders in London Wednesday that it was "critical to try to move toward some sort of cyber technology nonproliferation treaty."

He gave few details, and many there dismissed the idea. But some were supportive, with one academic suggesting using the U.N.'s telecommunications agency as an cyber-nonproliferation watchdog.

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