

Turkish president approves disputed Internet law

18 February 2014

Turkish President Abdullah Gul has approved a controversial bill which critics said aims to increase government controls over the internet.

Gul announced on his Twitter account that he signed the legislation into law Tuesday after government officials stated that two disputed articles of the legislation would be amended.

The legislation, approved by Parliament earlier this month, allows the telecommunications authority to block websites for [privacy violations](#) without a court decision. It also forces Internet providers to keep records of users' activities for two years and make them available to authorities.

The EU, which Turkey hopes to join, had called the [legislation](#) "a step back" for media freedom.

Gul said the government would submit amendments to the law to parliament on Wednesday.

© 2014 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

APA citation: Turkish president approves disputed Internet law (2014, February 18) retrieved 27 January 2021 from <https://phys.org/news/2014-02-turkish-disputed-internet-law.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.