

## **ZTE response to Access statement on Pakistan firewall**

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*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited ZTE to respond to the following article:*

- [“Broken promises: Pakistan announces plans to launch censorship firewall, possibly with Chinese tech”](#), Access, 25 January 2013

*ZTE sent this response:*

“ZTE was built on a great idea – to connect people in a meaningful and affordable way. The company strongly believes that technology can help bring people together and it is committed to fostering connections. Our mission is to provide telecommunications equipment that can help people live more productive and full lives.

We do not agree with any suggestion that ZTE is assisting in censorship. ZTE is a free market success story built on telecom infrastructure innovation: to supply unserved and underserved markets and to help pioneer next-generation technologies. We are a multinational company dedicated to innovating. ZTE relentlessly pursues commercial opportunity and social responsibility in product innovation. We are working to develop technologies that will enable businesses to flourish and people to enrich their lives. ZTE would not condone the use of the equipment it manufactures to be used to divide people.”