

Statement from Sandvine

On 25 September 2020, Sandvine sent the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre the following statement:

“We applaud the State Department’s announcement that the United States no longer considers Aleksandr Lukashenko the legitimately elected leader of Belarus. We also repeat our demand that the National Traffic Exchange Center (NTEC) in Belarus return our equipment and refrain from choking the internet to prevent the free flow of information to Belarusians.

We licensed our technology to NTEC so that the internet could operate securely, openly and free of malware and other types of malicious sites. Upon discovering that our technology was altered to thwart wide operations of the internet during the recent Belarus election, a clear violation of human rights and breach of our contract with NTEC, we promptly terminated our license agreement and formally demanded that NTEC return our technology. We will continue to work diligently through all means available to us to secure the return of our equipment.”