Dear editors of the *International Journal of Communication*,

We are submitting an empirical study on ‘*TikTok Politics: Tit for Tat on the India-China Cyberspace Frontier*’ to your journal. This paper combines computational linguistic analysis with in-depth elite interviews to understand the intense geopolitical conflicts behind the TikTok ban.

Findings from this study shed light on the increasing transnational tussles over platform governance. We believe that this manuscript is a good match with *International Journal of Communication* because of its research focus on the digital battleground of geopolitics between two of the major countries in Asia: India and China.

The contribution is both methodological (linking computational social science and traditional social science approaches) and substantive (uncovering geopolitical conflicts behind digital platforms in the Global South).

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. The research topic is based on theories and empirical evidence from multiple disciplines, including political communication and social science of the Internet.

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Thank you for your kind consideration.

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