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FEDERAL MINISTER

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Sub: **PREVENTION OF ELECTRONIC CRIMES ACT (PECA)**

Dear

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Hoping that this letter of mine will find you in the best of your health and spirit.

The media community across the board is deeply concerned and restless about the latest amendments to the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) promulgated through an ordinance.

The announcement of the amendments has drawn widespread condemnation and ire of media bodies and the journalistic community as a whole. Their view is that the amendments were drafted without constructive consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

The media is the fourth pillar of a democracy and each government enjoys a unique relationship with the media. It is through the media that a government is able to project its image to the public. By pushing forward with these amendments without consulting the relevant stakeholders, in this case media practitioners, the government will stoke anger and resentment within the journalistic community.

Media bodies and journalists have announced that they will resist these amendments at every forum. I therefore urge you strongly to pay heed to the unanimous voice of protest against the PECA amendments and launch a

consultative process with the civil society as well as the media community at the earliest.

It is only through dialogue and deliberation that media practitioners and the government can establish procedures to curtail fake news, and I urge you to launch this process at the earliest and withdraw/review the ordinance.

With best regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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