



MEDIA STATEMENT

MCMC ENTRUSTED TO UPHOLD THE COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA ACT 1998

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In response to the written article by senior journalists as reported by several media outlets titled, 'MCMC Must Stop Playing Big Brother,' the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) reiterates that the Commission plays a crucial role in regulating the communications and multimedia industry in Malaysia. MCMC is guided by the provisions of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA 1998), which entrusts the Commission to carry out their functions.

One of MCMC's primary legal duties is to ensure online platforms are not used for the purpose of committing the commission or attempted commission of any offense under the written laws of Malaysia. This includes taking necessary actions to tackle issues such as the spread of false information, offensive content, and defamation. In recent times, there has been an alarming increase in news reporting that lacks responsibility, sensibility, and accuracy. Some of the news outlets have

been found irresponsible of spreading misleading information or intentionally publishing inaccurate content.

The rise of converged media, where user-generated content gains traction and ethical reporting takes a back seat, has accentuated this problem. With the vast amount of information available online, it becomes challenging to distinguish between fact and fiction. This poses a significant threat to societal harmony, as misleading information can be easily propagated and false narratives can be created.

MCMC has been taking the initiative to hold dialogues and meetings with news outlets in addressing outstanding concerns and issues. To combat these issues, MCMC remains resolute in executing its regulatory obligation to ensure the integrity of information and maintain societal harmony.

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