

H.E. U Thaung Tin
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT)

10th June 2015

Dear H.E. U Thaung Tin,


Thank you for inviting MCRB and MIDO to the Telecom Master Plan Initial Consultation on 14th May 2015 and the fact-finding mission on Cyber Crime and Electronic Evidence on 20th May 2015 hosted by MCIT. We welcomed the chance to contribute early input to the process. Equally we have appreciated the Ministry's efforts to promote transparency through the online public consultation on "*Proposed Rules for the Telecommunications Sector Relating to Licensing, Access and Interconnection, Spectrum, Numbering and Competition*". This practice was widely welcomed by stakeholders who were able to raise their questions and recommendations online in a transparent manner.

MCRB and MIDO are committed to ensuring a broader awareness of ICT issues in the hopes of maximizing positive impacts and mitigating potential negative impacts. To support broader awareness, we recently held a briefing with CSOs in Yangon on 4th June 2015 to share information from both sessions and to request feedback, comments and recommendations, which are represented below:

- *Publish all project and consultation documents online in Myanmar language. English only publications restrict information access.*
 - *This process will allow the wider public to contribute to the process, avoid the need to travel to attend consultation, reduce cost for lodging and transport and also reduce the administrative and logistical burden placed on MCIT.*
- *Post all consultation documents online for at least 3 weeks, from the consultation start date, until the deadline for comments or feedback.*
- *Ensure that responses to the consultation (including private sector and civil society organizations), in addition to the consultation deadline, are well publicized. This would include through the media, as well as sharing invited comments online as with previous consultations.*

These recommendations align with the World Bank's Public Consultation Guidelines¹ and promote the principles of openness, access to information, accountability, transparency, visibility, and accessibility. Both MCRB and MIDO would like to encourage the implementation

¹ See: http://consultations.worldbank.org/Data/hub/files/documents/world_bank_consultation_guidelines_oct_2013_0.pdf



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of these guidelines. We look forward to future collaboration and thank you for your on-going efforts to develop Myanmar's telecommunications sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Vicky Bowman".

Vicky Bowman
Director
Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nay Phone Latt".

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Executive Director
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