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**GOVERNMENT OF BOPHUTHATSWANA**

**SUBMISSION TO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON MEDIA COMMISSION**

The primary responsibility of the media is to inform the public of events in a responsible way and, in time of an election, to thereby assist the electorate in making an informed decision. This applies to all media.

Disturbing, however, is the bias the media in general reveal in respect of parties or groups holding different views. This fact has of late even been criticised by the media itself.

Without implying control or censorship, we are of the opinion that the solution to this problem will be to grant the existing Media Council more powers, i.e. "teeth", to be able to act effectively in the event of unethical or improper reporting by any member of the media.

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