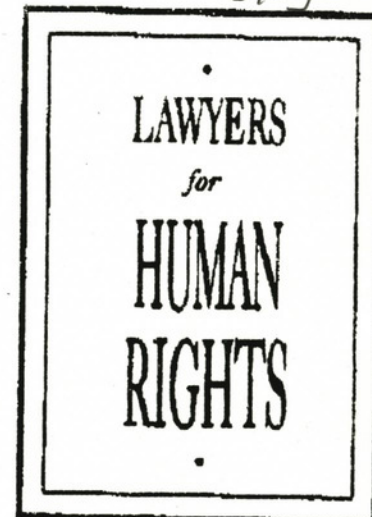


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Ms Melody Emmett
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Dear Ms Emmett

Re: Draft Bills on the Independent Broadcasting Authority
and Independent Media Commission

We are aware that comment has been called for by 5 July on the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill. We understand that public comment on the Independent Media Commission Bill has not been officially called for.

Lawyers for Human Rights wishes to make comment on both these bills and believes that the public has not been given sufficient time to do this. Although the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill was made available on the 22 June, we have only recently managed to acquire a copy of both it and the Independent Media Commission Bill. We therefore believe that the 5 July deadline is inadequate. Our recommendation is that the deadline be extended to 26 July thereby allowing both Lawyers for Human Rights and the public in general sufficient time to consult and to formulate a considered response.

We also believe that consideration should be given to conducting, some form of public hearings on the written submissions.

The extension of the deadline is, we believe, in the interests of an open process. We therefore hope that you convey our concerns to the appropriate MPF structures and all political parties.

Yours faithfully,

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