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PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR COMMENTS FROM STAKEHOLDERS ON THE DRAFT CYBERSECURITY BILL, 2024

The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) is the public body responsible for the implementation of the Electronic Transactions and Cybersecurity Act (the “Act”). MACRA is spearheading the review of the Act in order to , among other reasons, enhance the mandate of the Malawi Computer Emergency Response Team (mwCERT) in protecting critical information infrastructure. To this end, MACRA has developed a draft Cybersecurity Bill, which essentially provides for:

- (a) the system of cybersecurity governance in Malawi, including the cybersecurity roles and mandates of the MACRA, the mwCERT and other agencies;
- (b) cybersecurity and risk management requirements for infrastructure and services that are critical for the functioning of the society including public administration and public sector service, critical infrastructure/services whose operations and continuity is managed by means of information systems, international cooperation on cybersecurity issues.

The Bill proposes to replace cybersecurity issues from the Act. Under the review, the cybersecurity issues shall be housed in a standalone and the implementing authority shall be the mwCERT, which shall work in collaboration with other cybersecurity agencies.



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MACRA is inviting comments from the stakeholders including members of the public, to ensure that the proposed law is rich and reflects the will of the people of Malawi. A copy of the draft Bill can be accessed at <https://macra.mw>

Please submit your comments through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2525nu62> by 25th March 2024.

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