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OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP TO HOST MEDIA INFORMATION SESSION ON ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE AND THE NATIONAL CENSORSHIP BOARD

The Office of Censorship will host a Media Information Session on Thursday, 9th July, in Port Moresby, under the theme, “Clarifying the Roles and Functions of the Office of Censorship and National Censorship Board”.

The session aims to provide accurate information and strengthen media understanding of the distinct mandates, responsibilities, and operational functions of the Office and the National Censorship Board, in accordance with the Classification of Publication (Censorship) Act of 1989 and National Censorship Policy No. 2.

As digital communication platforms, social media, entertainment media, and online content continue to expand rapidly, the Office recognizes the importance of ensuring that media organizations, stakeholders, and the public have a clear understanding of censorship administration and regulatory processes in Papua New Guinea.

The Chief Censor Mr Jim Abani said the information session reflects the Office’s commitment to transparency, public awareness, and constructive engagement with stakeholders.

“I have noticed that many people including journalists, misunderstand the difference between the National Censorship Board and the Office of Censorship. Therefore, this session provides an important opportunity to clarify the respective roles of the Office of Censorship and the National Censorship Board, address misconceptions, and strengthen collaboration with the media and the wider community,” Mr Abani said.

The Office expects the session to improve media understanding of censorship governance, strengthen stakeholder engagement, promote responsible dissemination of information and media content, and support ongoing awareness efforts on digital safety and responsible media use.

Participants will include representatives from media organizations and journalists who play a critical role in informing the public and promoting responsible communication practices.

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