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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CREATION, DISTRIBUTION AND CIRCULATION OF OBSCENE, INDECENT AND PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL**

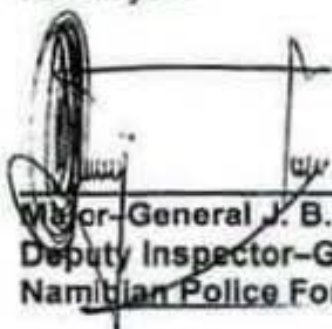
**Dear Colleagues of all Media Houses**

The Namibian Police Force has noted with grave concern the recent spate of recordings, distribution and circulation of obscene, indecent and pornographic material depicting Namibian women in graphic and explicit videos that are widely distributed on social media platforms. These videos have ostensibly been recorded and distributed without the consent of the women concerned and have been circulated to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass, affected persons. Due to the transnational nature of the internet, these abhorrent recordings have potentially been distributed internationally causing irreparable harm to the dignity and privacy of these women, their families and others affected.

The dignity and privacy of persons in Namibia are both constitutionally enshrined and protected rights. Conduct that violates or causes injury to these rights may constitute a criminal offence, punishable by law. The recording and distribution of communications which may cause such violation or injury, is equally punishable by law. Third parties who initiate the further transmission of such communications may also be liable in this context.

It is in light hereof that the Namibian Police Force calls upon the moral consciousness of the people of Namibia to end the creation, distribution and third party circulation of such repulsive communications. Victims of these assaults on their dignity and privacy are encouraged to register criminal charges at their nearest police stations so that perpetrators may be dealt with in terms of the law.

I thank you.



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