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Call for Comments on the Proposed Cyber Security and Cyber Crime (Critical Information Infrastructure) Regulation 2021

The Cyber Security and Cyber Crimes Act No.2 of 2021 (CSCCA 2021) was promulgated in 2021 to among others provide for the regulation of cyber security in Zambia. The increased rate of cyber-attacks occurring in Zambia and the need to ensure continued essential service provision, have necessitated the need to protect Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) and issue regulations specific for this need.

The CSCCA 2021 has provided for a registration framework for Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) that ought to be operationalised through the issuance of statutory instruments by the Minister. Section 90 of the CSCCA 2021 mandates the Minister to issue regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of the Act. In line with this, the Authority has developed the Cyber Security and Cyber Crime (Critical Information Infrastructure) Regulation, 2021 which provides for the registration and protection of CII.

The Authority has, with this Call for Comment, developed a Concept Note which summarises its proposals on the localisation of CII and the introduction of externalisation fees. The concept includes five (5) questions to guide the consultation process.

The draft regulations and concept note can be found at:

Link 1: **www.zicta.zm** Link 2: **www.cirt.zm**



The Authority seeks the views of the general public and stakeholders regarding the proposed Cyber Security and Cyber Crime (Critical Information Infrastructure) Regulation on issues pertaining to:

- 1. Localisation of CII;
- 2. Introduction of externalisation fees; and
- 3. Registration of CII to provide for their identification and protection.

The registration and protection of CII will allow for reliable essential service provision, such as health services and financial services, ensure public safety, economic stability, national security and international stability.

Comments should be submitted on or before May 12, 2022 to the following; Email: *ciicallforcomments@zicta.zm* or mailed to:

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Respondents are invited to comment on any other issues not covered in this consultation document which they consider to be relevant to this consultation.

ZICTA will carefully consider comments submitted and take them into consideration when reviewing the Regulation. Respondents are required to include their personal /company particulars as well as correspondence address in their submission to this consultative document.

ZICTA reserves the right to make public all written submission made in response to this consultation paper and to disclose the identity of respondents.