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Ministerial Declaration of Wholesale Access Services under the NICT Act 2009

On 12 November 2025, the National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) submitted a formal Recommendation Report to me under Section 129 of the NICT Act 2009, advising that certain wholesale access services be declared under Part VI of the Act.

After carefully reviewing the report and considering the recommendations against the statutory criteria, I have exercised my powers under Section 130 of the NICT Act 2009 to accept NICTA's recommendation and formally declare the following wholesale access services:

- Wholesale Undersea Cable Access Services
- Wholesale Domestic Fibre Access Services
- Wholesale Cable Landing Station Access Services

These declarations are based on NICTA's findings that effective competition does not currently exist in the wholesale markets for these services, and that regulation is necessary to promote both the competition and efficiency objectives set out in Section 128 of the Act.

These objectives are central to achieving the Government's broader policy goals to make digital connectivity in Papua New Guinea more affordable, inclusive, and sustainable.

This declaration marks a continuation of the Government's ongoing regulatory efforts to strengthen open and fair access to critical ICT infrastructure across the country. It is not a new initiative, but rather part of a continued commitment under the law to ensure that wholesale broadband and transmission services are delivered at fair and affordable prices, consistent with the pricing principles and safeguards established under the NICT Act.

Following this declaration, NICTA will commence the second phase of this

process, the development of Service-Specific Pricing Principles (SSPP) to ensure that the declared wholesale services are provided on transparent, cost-oriented, and equitable terms. This will guarantee that while consumers benefit from affordable prices, service providers can continue to operate sustainably and invest in network expansion.

As the Government responsible, we reaffirm our commitment to upholding a fair, competitive, and transparent ICT market, consistent with our existing legal and regulatory framework. We remain dedicated to supporting all stakeholders' operators, investors, and consumers alike and to delivering better, more affordable connectivity for every Papua New Guinean.

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