

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES:

1.0 Registration of Media Institutions and Individual Journalists

- 1.1 MICAT will continue to register all media institutions operating in Liberia.
- 1.2. The following shall constitute the substantive requirement for the registration of media institutions in Liberia:
1. Business Registration Certificate
 2. An identifiable office space
 3. An editorial team consisting of at least two journalists, one of whom shall be a college graduate. Additionally, at least one member of the editorial team shall be a registered member of the Press Union of Liberia.
- 1.3 MICAT will seek the advice and collaboration of the PUL in the definition of any additional guidelines for the registration of media institutions.
- 1.4 The PUL will continue to register all individual journalists working in Liberia and will furnish MICAT with records of the data base of registered journalists. This should be done on an on-going basis or at least twice a year.
- 1.5 The PUL will proactively and robustly address the issues of ethical transgression on the part of its members within a reasonable period, not exceeding 21 days as of the receipt of a complaint from any member of the public. The parties agree that the expeditious hearing and disposition of complaints is necessary to instill public confidence in the journalism profession.

2.0 Coverage Guidelines of Ebola Crisis

- 2.1 MICAT and PUL will work together, as well as seek to engage voices and representatives from other media associations and outlets, to consider the provisions of the recently issued guidelines for media coverage during the Ebola crisis, with a focus on assuring that the legitimate interests of privacy and safety are appropriately balanced with the indisputable rights of freedom of speech, expression and of the media.
- 2.2 The Parties, along with other interested media representatives, will establish a joint technical committee to discuss and develop consensus on any issues of possible contentions related to the recently issued policy related to media guidelines for coverage during the Ebola crisis.
- 2.3 The Parties will work together to educate the Liberian and International media of the consensus policy on media guidelines for coverage during the Ebola crisis, and to also support national and international efforts in the fight against the Ebola epidemic. This will be done through raising public awareness, meetings to share information and experiences and organizing training sessions for journalists.

