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### **PRESS STATEMENT BY HON. TIMOTHY MASIU, MINISTER FOR ICT, ON THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY**

The Minister for Information and Communication Technology, Hon Timothy Masiu has announced the implementation of the National Cyber Security Strategy 2024, consistent with the objectives of the National Cyber Security Policy 2021.

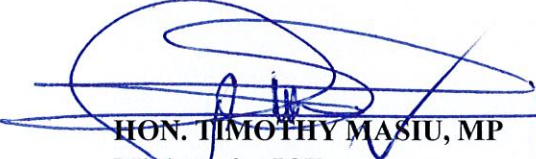
Cybersecurity is essential in today's interconnected digital world to ensure the safety and resilience of individuals, organizations, and nations against malicious cyber activities. As the world transcends into the digital space, the system is vulnerable to cyber security threats therefore, cyber security plays a vital role in ensuring safety, especially to safeguard sensitive information, systems, and networks from malicious attacks, unauthorized access, and data breaches.

This policy underscores the Marape-Rosso Government's commitment to fostering a secure digital environment, enabling trust in digital transformation, enhancing national security, and supporting economic growth. It calls on all stakeholders to collaborate in building robust cyber defenses and promoting a culture of cybersecurity awareness across the nation.

At the core of the strategy is the establishment of the National Cyber Security Coordination Centre (N3C). Cyber-related risks are evolving rapidly and as PNG becomes increasingly reliant on ICT, it is of paramount importance that its technical and intelligence capabilities in cyber security be developed in par with international standards and in accordance with international best practice in order to provide adequate protection for its citizens, critical infrastructure systems and national security.

I have notified the National Information and Communications Technology Authority to work with Department to commence the implementation of the National Cyber Security Policy and the subsequent strategy.

Minister Masiu added that protecting Papua New Guinea's national security and promoting the prosperity of the PNG Citizens are Marape-Rosso Government top priorities and ensuring the security of cyberspace is fundamental to both endeavors.

  
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