The Speaker,
National Assembly of Pakistan.

Dear Sir,

I hereby give notice under Rule 129(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the National Assembly 2007, to amend the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Bill 2015 (Amendment) [PEC Bill As Modified by Expert Committee Constituted by National Assembly Standing Committee]

In Section 2 Definitions:

(X) Should be substituted by the following:

"(X) “Offence” means an offence punishable under this Act except when committed by a person under 15 years of age."

After (bb) and before (cc) a new definition (bbb) be inserted as follows:

“(bbb) “Supreme Court” means the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

In Section 3 in the third line, the word “one” be deleted

In Section 9 sub-section (a), after the word “person” the words “accused or” be omitted

In Section 12 in the fourth line, the word “extent” be substituted by the word “extend”

Section 15 of the Bill be deleted

Section 16 of the Bill be deleted

Section 17 to Section 49 be renumbered
In Section 19(3) the word “grieved” by substituted by the word “aggrieved”

In Section 34 in the fourth line the words “or any officer authorized by it in this behalf” be omitted

Section 34 should read as follows: “The Supreme Court is empowered to manage intelligence and issue directions for the removal or blocking of access of any intelligence through any information system. The Supreme direct any service provider, to remove any intelligence or block access to such intelligence, if it considers it necessary in the interest of the glory of Islam, or the integrity, security or defence of Pakistan or any part thereof, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court or commission of or incitement to an offence under this Act.”

**Statement of objects and reasons**

The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Bill 2015 has many ambiguities and little input from stakeholders. It is imperative to make the Bill more inclusive and ensure that the rights of the people are upheld as enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan. While it is necessary to keep cyber crime in check, it is also important that the provisions of the law are not made so stringent so as to impede the growth of the industry and prove to be counterproductive.

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