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To: ALL DEPARTMENTAL HEADS

ALL HEADS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

ALL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER & NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT: NCSC SUPPORT THROUGH FIREWALL INTEGRATION AND
ENDPOINT PROTECTION**

The National Executive Council, in NEC Decision No. 348/2021, approved the *National Cyber Security Policy 2021* for implementation. Consistent with this Policy, the *Digital Government Act (DGA) 2022*, Section 18, establishes the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), and Section 19 states the functions of the NCSC. The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) provides administrative oversight of NCSC through Section 18(4).

This circular serve to advise all Government departments and public bodies with ICT infrastructure to connect with NCSC through its capabilities, such as Endpoint Protection and Firewall Integration.

Security endpoints protect laptops, PCs, and servers, while firewalls are for network protection. All public bodies are to use licensed antivirus or endpoints. Should any agency have issues implementing such a program, I strongly encourage you to contact the NCSC. NCSC's Security Information and Events

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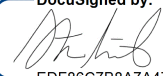
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Management (SIEM) system can integrate with different firewall vendors. NCSC has the capability to monitor threats, detect them, and respond to Agencies with its implemented cybersecurity controls.

The Department of the Prime Minister's Office (PMNEC), the Department of Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs (DPLGA), and the Somare Institute of Leadership and Governance (SILAG) are already connected with the NCSC through endpoint rollout.

As a matter of compliance, Department and Agency Heads, along with their respective Digital Transformation Officers (DTOs), are to contact the NCSC via email at info@ncsc.gov.pg for support in protecting their respective digital infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,

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