



AIC Media Statement
Amendments to the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA), 2016, Pakistan
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The Asia Internet Coalition (AIC) is deeply concerned with the passage of “The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Act, 2025” on 23 January 2025. The amendments, rushed through without any meaningful consultations or input from stakeholders or the public, would have a significant impact on people’s digital rights and freedoms, as well as far-reaching implications for Pakistan’s digital economy.

We respectfully request that the Government of Pakistan pause the legislative process and initiate a genuine, transparent, inclusive, and comprehensive public consultation process with stakeholders, including industry, civil society, and the public, to ensure the amendments are in line with established human rights norms on privacy and freedom of expression and does not stifle economic growth and innovation.

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