



Statement from the Asia Internet Coalition (AIC) on  
**Pakistan's Citizens Protection (Rules Against Online Harm) 2020**

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*(Please attribute the below quote to Jeff Paine, Managing Director, Asia Internet Coalition)*

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The Asia Internet Coalition is deeply concerned to see the Pakistan Government release a set of broad reaching online rules without any consultation with stakeholders, including industry. These rules jeopardize the personal safety and privacy of citizens, and undermine free expression. We urge the Government to reconsider these rules, which are likely to be detrimental to Pakistan's ambitions for a digital economy.

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*Note to Editor: the abovementioned Rules can be viewed [here](#).*

**About the Asia Internet Coalition**

*The Asia Internet Coalition (AIC) is an industry association comprising leading internet and technology companies. The AIC seeks to promote the understanding and resolution of Internet policy issues in the Asia Pacific region. Visit [www.aicasia.org](http://www.aicasia.org) for more information.*