Some media and political parties launched a campaign against CMC, questioned its independence and accused it of cracking down on the media. In this regard, CMC would like to clarify the following:

- Under the Constitution, CMC is an independent authority that acts in accordance with a valid law, and while encouraging and supporting free and constructive media, it is "protecting the receivers' rights".

- CMC has binding broadcasting provisions on Licensees. These provisions aim to regulate media work and prevent interference for the best interest of all parties, i.e. CMC is a regulator and not a suppressor! CMC announced last February through newspapers and TV stations that violator stations should recourse to CMC to obtain a license and settle the legal and financial issues in accordance with the CMC law in force. However, rather than cooperate with CMC, some stations - supported by some politicians - waged a smear campaign and launched false accusations in contravention with the goal of building a democratic system.

- CMC acts with high professionalism, and does not yield to political pressures despite the attempts by some people – especially those who assailed it – to intervene in and politicize its work.

- Some stations are trying to create chaos in regard to regulating media through breaching financial, legal, and professional provisions. They are trying as well to push CMC in the political wrangling from which CMC prefers to disassociate itself in order to preserve its independency. CMC confirms that it is working openly under broad daylight in accordance with the rule of law and the regulations in effect.
Based on the foregoing, and emphasizing support to media institutions to comply with the law, we call upon the concerned stations to recourse to CMC to settle their financial, legal, and technical issues as soon as possible.

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