



## **STATEMENT BY RWANDA UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY (RURA)**

Following the recent statement by NEC regarding handling of social media during elections in Rwanda, RURA would like to inform the public that in accordance with the ICT Law and Media Law, the National Electoral Commission (NEC) has no mandate to regulate or interrupt the use of social media by citizens.

RURA as the statutory regulator has not had any discussions with NEC on this subject and would like to reaffirm the right of citizens to express themselves on social media and other ICT platforms, while respecting existing laws.

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