

To the Officer-in-Charge
National Identity Card Unit

CC to the Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation
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Further to the State imposed legislation on the new National Identity Card (NIC), I _____, is hereby informing you that I am applying for the new NIC in force since 2013.

However, having taken note of various arguments regarding the handling of sensitive data of citizen by the National Identity Card issuers, I am, as a concerned citizen in right of looking for guarantees from the State regarding my personal data. I am doing so following respective courts judgments stating that the State can permissibly derogate to my constitutional rights in the interest of public order, in this case, the time that it shall take to process the new National Identity Card. Moreover, following the declaration from the Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation (TCI), Yogida Sawmynaden, reported in the press on the 22nd of March 2017, stating that citizens who do not hold the new ID card will not be subject to any fine or imprisonment, I wish, before conceding my fingerprints or any other biometric data in order to acquire the NIC, to secure from the State the following:

- 1) an official written guarantee that my personal biometric data will be retained for the sole use of my Identity card and will not be, copied, duplicated, tampered, leaked, misplaced and hacked the time that it is being stored under your authority;
- 2) an official written guarantee that all my biometric data will be destroyed to my satisfaction and that of the law once the new National Identity Card is being delivered;
- 3) that the reported declarations of the Minister of the TCI guaranteeing that there will be no penal sanction against citizens not holding the new card will be codified into law;
- 4) that the State gives the guarantee that the dignity of the person and the fundamental rights of any citizen will not be infringed in case the latter is not being able to produce the new ID card;

Moreover, I would like to inform you that I estimate that the Consent Form imposed by the State is at no point a legal necessity in order to acquire the new NIC and cannot constitute in any circumstances, if not signed, a ground for refusing to issue the new NIC.

Regards