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THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY

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PLEASE REPLY TO:-
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31st October 2012

Director of Public Prosecutions

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Your Ref; Twitter Review

Dear Sir,

GUIDELINES ON PROSECUTIONS FOR FACEBOOK & TWITTER ABUSE

We believe that there should be uniformity of prosecutions for all forms of expression and that facebook and twitter should not be singled out for special types of criminalisation. The laws against incitement, libel etc are sufficient.

Section 127 of the Communications act 2003 should therefore be enforced sparingly (if at all) and only when and if, should another mode of expression have been used (eg written publication), it would also be illegal.

The human right of freedom of expression must be respected, including for comment, criticism, humour, irony, ridicule, satire and sarcasm.

Yours,

E. Goodman, Chair of CAC.