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Dear Minister,

I am very concerned about the draft Access and Assistance Bill. Strong encryption provides safety, privacy and security to everyone who uses the Internet.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this bill.

This would not deter malicious forces, which could encrypt manually at either end using methods that could be entirely uncrackable. This will only end up harming the public, and result in malicious forces using more difficult to crack encryption outside of any companies control.

As for the harbouring of tools by the government for the purpose of retrieving encrypted data, these tools would be devastating were they to get out. This has already been observed in the USA, where exploits sequestered by the NSA were used to create the WannaCry ransomware, which halted the operations of various public utilities, including hospitals

As such, the bill would only affect the average person, and would result in little to no increased "security"

Many Thanks,
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Sent from my iPhone