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COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE ETHICAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (“AI”) AND DATA

SINGAPORE – 30 August, 2018: The full composition of Singapore’s Advisory Council on the Ethical Use of AI and Data (Advisory Council) was today announced by Minister for Communications and Information Mr S Iswaran at AI Singapore’s first year anniversary. This follows the earlier announcement in June on the establishment of the Advisory Council, to be chaired by former Attorney-General V.K. Rajah SC.

The eleven Advisory Council members come from diverse backgrounds and have been selected for their ability to contribute to the Advisory Council’s objectives. Members comprise international leaders in AI such as Google, Microsoft and Alibaba; advocates of social and consumer interests; and leaders of local companies who are keen to make use of AI. The full list of Advisory Council members can be found in [Annex A](#).

The formation of the Advisory Council is one of three structured, interlinked initiatives¹ to support the engagement of stakeholders to collaboratively develop a trusted and vibrant AI ecosystem and position Singapore as a leading hub for AI.

The Advisory Council will advise and work with the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) on the responsible development and deployment of AI. Amongst other things, the Advisory Council will assist IMDA in engaging stakeholders on issues that support the development of AI governance capabilities and frameworks. These include engaging ethics

¹ The other two initiatives announced were (a) A discussion paper released by PDPC on responsible development and adoption of AI, which will be used by the Advisory Council to frame its deliberations; and (b) A Research Programme on the Governance of AI and Data Use to advance and inform scholarly research on AI governance issues which will be run by the Singapore Management University. For more details, please refer to the *Artificial Intelligence Governance and Ethics Initiatives* fact sheet by IMDA, 05 June, 2018

boards of commercial enterprises on ethical and related issues arising from private sector use of AI and data; consumer representatives on consumer expectations and acceptance of the use of AI; as well as members of the private capital community on the need to incorporate ethical considerations in their investment decisions into businesses which develop or adopt AI.

The Advisory Council will also assist the Government in developing ethics standards and reference governance frameworks, and publish advisory guidelines, practical guides, and codes of practice for the voluntary adoption by the industry.

Supported by a secretariat, the Advisory Council will be able to tap on technical, legal, ethics and international experts from different fields and representatives for consumers and civil society to guide its work.

About Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA)

The Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) leads Singapore's digital transformation with infocomm media. To do this, IMDA will develop a dynamic digital economy and a cohesive digital society, driven by an exceptional infocomm media (ICM) ecosystem – by developing talent, strengthening business capabilities, and enhancing Singapore's ICM infrastructure. IMDA also regulates the telecommunications and media sectors to safeguard consumer interests while fostering a pro-business environment, and enhances Singapore's data protection regime through the Personal Data Protection Commission. For more news and information, visit www.imda.gov.sg or follow IMDA on Facebook IMDAsg and Twitter @IMDAsg.

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ANNEX A: Council Members of the Advisory Council on the Ethical use of AI and Data

S/N	Council members (In alphabetical order)
1	Mr V.K. Rajah SC (Chairman) Essex Court Chambers Duxton (Singapore Group Practice)
2	Ms Jenni Aldrich Asia Pacific Vice President of Legal, Google
3	Mr Amit Anand Co-founder and Managing Partner, Jungle Ventures
4	Professor Chan Heng Chee Chairman, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design
5	Dr Chen Wei Chief Operating Officer, Social Credits
6	Mr Chia Song Hwee President & Chief Operating Officer, Temasek International
7	Mr Andreas Ebert Worldwide National Technology Officer, Office of the CTO, Industries, Microsoft Corporation
8	Mr Piyush Gupta Chief Executive Officer, DBS Group
9	Ms Hamidah Aidillah Mustafa Founder, Parrot Social Pte Ltd
10	Mr Peter Ho Chairman, National Supercomputing Centre Steering Committee
11	Ms Sara Yu Siying Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Partner, Alibaba Group