

- (c) the National Assembly and the Senate including their secretariats, committees and members;
- (d) any statutory corporation or other body corporate or institution set up or established or owned or controlled or funded by the Federal Government;
- (e) any court, tribunal, commission or board under the federal law;
- (f) any incorporated or unincorporated body or entity functioning under the control or authority of another public body or wherein one or more public bodies own or have controlling interest or provide substantial funding;
- (g) any other organisation which undertakes a public function, to the extent of that function;
- (h) a non governmental organisation which directly or indirectly receives or have received public funds, subsidy, tax exemption, piece of land or any other benefit involving public funds and any other non governmental organisation or body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860(xxi of 1860) or any other law for the time being in force;
- (x) "record" means a public record as defined in section 6.
- (xi) "request" means a request for access to information and includes a request access to for a specific record;
- (xii) "right of access to information" means the right of access to information accessible under this Act which is held by or under the control of any public body, and includes the right of access to information, documents or record in digital or printed form, as the case may be; and
- (xiii) "third party" means a person other than the applicant.

3. **Right of access to information not to be denied.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, no applicant shall be denied access to information or record held by a public body.

(2) This Act shall be interpreted so as to advance its purposes as set out in the preamble and to—

- (a) promote the right of access to information; and
- (b) facilitate and encourage promptly the disclosure of the information at the lowest and reasonable cost.

4. **Maintenance and indexing of record.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and any rules made thereunder, the principal officer of each public body shall ensure that