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Report on Developing a System for Professional Media Regulation

The Centre for Law and Democracy (CLD) has prepared a *Note on Professional Regulation of the Media* as part of its wider work focusing on Myanmar. The aim is to support local actors to work together with the aim of putting in place a self-regulatory system to help improve professionalism among independent media focusing on Myanmar.

“The professional systems that used to function for Myanmar are no longer legitimate or effective”, said Toby Mendel, Executive Director of CLD. *“As such, it is very important for independent media focusing on Myanmar to set up their own, credible and effective self-regulatory system, and we are very happy to support them in this.”*

The Note provides an overview of the three main approaches to professional regulation – namely self-regulation, co-regulation and statutory regulation – and then delves in more detail into the key features of self- and co-regulation before describing the benefits of these systems and the different roles they can play beyond merely deciding on complaints about professionalism. The final section looks at a number of practice issues regarding the establishment of a self-regulatory system for independent media focusing on Myanmar, the only option given the current situation.

The Note is available in [English](#) and [Burmese](#).

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