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**THE HON JUDGE /MAGISTRATE / DEAN/ CEO/DIRECTOR /REGISTRAR**

Sir/Madam,

**DRAFT MEDIATION RULES FOR LAUNCH OF THE PILOT PROJECT ON ALTERNATIVE  
DISPUTE RESOLUTION (COURT BASED MEDIATION)**

On 5 May 2010 Cabinet approved Terms of Reference for the Civil Justice Reform Project, which includes the introduction of an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, being mandatory court based mediation.

The introduction of court based mediation will be launched as a pilot project by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in selected High Courts and Magistrates' Courts throughout the country and for periods which will be determined by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development.

For the purposes of commencing the pilot project and providing a regulatory framework within which the referral to mediation and the mediation process will operate, the Rules Board proposes that the attached draft mediation rules, be considered.

The Rules Board invites your comments on the proposed draft rules referred to above.

Please let me have your comments by close of business on 31 October 2011.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raj Daya', written over a horizontal line.

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