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**Subject:** Appointments to ABC Board

I believe that the present system of appointments to the ABC Board is not satisfactory, as a government can appoint sympathisers who will act in its interests. The ABC can only fulfil its role as a national public broadcaster by remaining independent of government. I call on you to recommend that the Parliament introduce a system whereby ABC Board members are appointed on the bases of merit and commitment to independent public broadcasting. They must be free of any allegiance to government to maintain the Board's essential independence.

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