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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes
Chairs, Police Services Boards

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SUBJECT: **Introduction of New Legislation: *Safe Access to
Abortion Services Act, 2017***

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At the request of the Ministry of the Attorney General, I am sharing a communication regarding the recent introduction of legislation on 'safe access zones'. The new legislation, which was introduced on October 25, 2017, sets out spaces – or zones – where protests and/or other interfering activities are restricted around abortion clinics, facilities, and offices, as well as the homes of abortion service providers.

For further details, please see the attached letter from the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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Attachments