## GUIDANCE ON PERSONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

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on the BBC. This responsibility extends to their use of social media, both for professional and for persona

- than deleting it.
- 4. Take account of the size, nature and makeup of private groups and the risk of more personal content being shared outside the group when posting.
- 5. Remember that your personal brand on social media is always secondary to your responsibility to the BBC.
- 6. Respect the confidentiality of internal meetings and discussion s.
- 7. Do not post when your judgement may be impaired.
- 8. Never use your BBC status to seek personal gain , financial or otherwise.
- 9. Do not link to anything you haven't read fully.

## 4. Impartiality guidance

 a) Individuals working in news and current affairs and factual journalism production (all divisions) - along with those on a senior leadership band or whose roles require them to act in a senior leader capacity - have a particular responsibility to uphold the BBC's impartiality

The following list of dos and don'ts — while not definitive - provide guidance on how specific rules and expectations on im partiality will be interpreted for these individuals :

- Do not reveal how you vote or express support for any political party.
- 2. Do not express a view on any policy which is a matter of current political debate or on a matter of public policy, political or industrial controversy, or any other 'controversial subject'.
- 3. Do not offer judgements beyond your specialism.
- 4. Do not support campaigns , (eg. by using hashtags) no matter how apparently worthy the cause or how much their message appears to be accepted or uncontroversial.
- 5. Do not sacrifice accuracy for speed. Second and right is always better than first and wrong an inaccurate post is a problem for you, your col.4 (f)-2 (m)2.1 (f)-se-1.4 p8 (c)6.8 (o)1.2 lcf3.4 (smw 12.214 0 Td (,

- 7. Do not break news on a personal account; if you have a story to break, the BBC platforms are your priority, even if it takes slightly longer.
- 8. Do not be seduced by the informal ity of tone and language on social media. Your posts about news events and issues require careful thought and editorial discipline.
- 9. Do not mistake social media networks as accurate reflections of public opinion; your audience is overwh 0 /TT0 1 T1 (n)3.2 ia95 (n)( )8.2t0 /TT0

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