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Summary:

LoU between Com-ITU and Digital Europe.

Proposal:

For information.

Background:

Com-ITU decided at previous meeting to sign a LoU with Digital Europe. Based on that decisions the attached LoU has been signed by the chairman of Com-ITU.

Letter of Understanding
regarding co-operation
between Com-ITU and DIGITALEUROPE

Letter of Understanding made on the 28 December, 2010

The Parties,

Committee for ITU policy (Com-ITU) of Conference Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT),

and

DIGITALEUROPE Aisbl

having noted the need of structuring and strengthening their relationship and fostering a closer co-operation;

recognising that:

Com-ITU is an organisation of governmental bodies, hence with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with a private association;

and that

DIGITALEUROPE is an international association representing the European ICT industry;

and considering that:

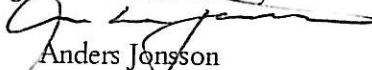
Com-ITU and DIGITALEUROPE have the common objective to promote European views in the telecommunication area;

agree to co-operate as follows:

1. Com-ITU and DIGITALEUROPE agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach matters related to ITU. The two parties may exchange as they may agree, free of charge, any information on programmes of work in areas of mutual interest.
2. Copies of relevant working documents from either Party shall be made available to the other Party on request. The dissemination by one Party of the documents received from the other party will be limited to the members of the relevant part of the receiving Party, and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the Party's work programme.

3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights, embodied in documents exchanged between Com-ITU and DIGITALEUROPE and any copies thereof, remain with the originating party and extend to all media in which the information may be embodied. Any reference to these documents shall be submitted to the agreement of the originating party prior communication to other bodies.
4. The Com-ITU Chairman and the Chairman of the DIGITALEUROPE Working Group Standardisation and Interoperability having chief responsibility for ITU issues should meet periodically at their convenience, but at least once a year.
5. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from DIGITALEUROPE is normally permitted at meetings of the Com-ITU, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
6. In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from Com-ITU shall be regularly invited to the DIGITALEUROPE Technical Regulation Policy Group meetings. A Com-ITU Observer may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts of meetings of other DIGITALEUROPE bodies.
7. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organisational statutes and rules, be entitled to participate fully in discussions on relevant work items, and may submit written contributions, but shall not be party in the decision making process.
8. DIGITALEUROPE may submit proposals to the relevant Com-ITU Body. These shall be adopted subject to the normal Com-ITU process for approval of new work items and outputs.
9. This Agreement shall last for an initial period of three years and may be renewed by mutual consent. On its expiry, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for further one-year periods unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Agreement can be terminated by either Party on giving three months' written notice before the expiry date.
10. The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the Com-ITU Chairman and the Chairman of the Working Group Standardisation and Interoperability having chief responsibility for ITU issues.

Agreed for Com-ITU by



Anders Jonsson
Chairman Com-ITU

Agreed for DIGITALEUROPE by



Bridget Cosgrave
Director General