



# Letter of Understanding

Regarding co-operation between

The ECC and GSM Europe/GSM Association





#### The Parties,

The Electronic Communications Committee (ECC') of the Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (hereinafter referred to as 'CEPT'),

and

The GSM Association/GSM Europe (hereinafter together referred to as 'GSMA/GSME')

having noted the need to establish a close working relationship in order to foster co-operation;

### Recognising that:

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

and that

the GSMA/GSME has the primary goals to ensure mobile phones and wireless services work globally and are easily accessible, enhancing their value to individual customers and national economies, while creating new business opportunities for operators and their suppliers. The GSM Association (GSMA) is the global trade association that exists to promote, protect and enhance the interests of GSM mobile operators throughout the world. At the end of September 2005, it consisted of more than 700 second and third generation mobile operators and more than 180 manufacturers and contractors; GSME (GSM Europe) is the European interest group under the GSM Association;

The GSMA/GSME believes that the promotion of open, competitive market conditions is fundamental to extending the benefits of mobile communications to all, from the most developed Western European and North American markets to remote areas in Developing Countries, and that mobile has a critical role to play in improving health, wealth, education and social mobility

## And considering that:

- ECC considers and develops policies on electronic communications activities in a European
  context and is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for the efficient use of the radio
  spectrum, satellite orbits and numbering resources, so as to satisfy the requirements of the users,
  and
- The GSMA/GSME believes that the promotion of open, competitive market conditions is fundamental to extending the benefits of mobile communications to all, from the most developed Western European and North American markets to remote areas in Developing Countries, and that mobile has a critical role to play in improving health, wealth, education and social mobility.
- ECC and the GSMA/GSME have the common objective to promote mobile technology, directly
  or indirectly, with the aim of contributing to the establishment of a high quality information
  infrastructure;





• The Parties seek to structure and strengthen their relationship by this Letter of Understanding (LoU) to foster a closer co-operation. Each party has a mutual interest in avoiding duplication of work and in maintaining a complementary approach to supporting mobile industry and government cooperation and a programme to increase access to telecommunications, through mobile networks. This Letter of Understanding is intended to facilitate such co-operation, by making available to the other, subject to the provisions of this document, documentation and by participating in each others' meetings

## agree to co-operate as follows:

- 1. ECC and the GSMA/GSME agree to exchange information and seek, to the extent possible, a common European approach concerning the use of radio frequencies in particular in the field of broadband wireless access. The two parties may exchange as appropriate, free of charge, any information on programs 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 theofficers, employees, contractors, consultants and its group with a need to know and who have entered into confidentiality agreements sufficient to prohibit further unauthorized use or disclosure by such persons of the confidential information, and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the receiving Party's work programme. If the disclosing Party regards the information in the documents as confidential, the receiving Party will likewise treat such information as confidential, unless the disclosing Party authorises non-confidential treatment in writing. GSMA/GSME documents which are classified as 'restricted' will only be released after an explicit approval by the GSM Association's Legal Dept;
- 3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between the ECC and the GSMA/GSME 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 to communicating the said material to other bodies. If the representatives of a Party participate in the working group activities of the other Party, the other Party's policy governing intellectual property rights shall apply to that participation.
- 4. The ECC Chairman and the Chairman of the GSME should meet periodically at their convenience. Chairmen of ECC subordinate bodies and other concerned groups of the GSMA/GSME may participate in these meetings as appropriate and will be invited accordingly.
- 5. Within the work area of the GSMA/GSME, participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from the GSMA/GSME is normally permitted at meetings of the ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups, when the agenda contains items of mutual interest;
- 6. In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from ECC shall be regularly invited to relevant plenary meetings of the GSMA/GSME. An ECC Observer may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts of meetings of other GSMA/GSME 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 part of the decision making process.
- 8. The GSMA/GSMA may submit proposals to the relevant ECC body. These shall be adopted subject to the normal ECC process for approval of new work items and outputs.
- 9. This Agreement shall last for 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. Either Party on giving three months written notice prior to the expiry date can terminate the Agreement.
- 10. This letter of understanding is only intended to facilitate cooperation between the mobile industry and the ECC/CEPT. As such, the Parties agree that the provisions of this document shall not be legally binding on either party or be deemed to create any legal rights or obligations.
- 11. The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairman and the Chairman of the GSME.

Agreed for the ECC by

CHRIS VAN DIEPENBEEK

ECC Chairman

Date: 21-12-07

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CEO GSM Association

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