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Letter of Understanding made on the 1st of June 1999

The Parties,

Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des
Télécommunications (CEPT) and its European Radio Committee (ERC),

and
the European Broadcasting Union (EBU),

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

recognising that:

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

and that

EBU is a professional association of European broadcasters;

and considering that :

- CEPT/ERC is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for the allocation of spectrum at European level in the field of telecommunications and in areas common to telecommunications, information technology, sound and television broadcasting ;
- EBU, among other activities, develops common views for broadcasting organisations with regard to their needs in the use of the radio frequency spectrum and the development of new broadcasting systems;

CEPT/ERC and EBU have a common interest in ensuring the most efficient use and management of the Radio Frequency Spectrum for all broadcasting related applications;

agree to co-operate as follows:

1. CEPT/ERC and EBU agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach concerning broadcasting-related use of the radio frequency spectrum. 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 CEPT/ERC and the EBU 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 ERC Chairman and the EBU Technical Director should meet periodically at their convenience, but at least once a year. Chairmen of ERC/WGs and other concerned EBU Groups may participate in these meetings as appropriate and will be invited accordingly.
5. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from EBU is normally permitted at meetings of the ERC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
6. In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from CEPT/ERC shall be regularly invited to EBU Technical Assembly meetings. A CEPT/ERC Observer may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts of meetings of other EBU 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. EBU may submit proposals to the relevant CEPT/ERC Body. These shall be adopted subject to the normal CEPT/ERC 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. 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 ERC Chairman and the EBU Technical Director.

Agreed for CEPT/ERC by

Signature

Patrick Carey Chairman ERC

Name

PATRICK CAREY

Date

11 May 1999

Agreed for EBU by

Signature

P.A. Laven EBU Technical Director

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