Letter of Understanding
regarding cooperation between
the ECC (Electronic Communications Committee) and GTI (Global TD-LTE Initiative)

July 2015
The Parties,

The Electronic Communication Committee (ECC) of the Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT),

and

Global TD-LTE Initiative (GTI),

having noticed the need for structuring and strengthening their relationships and fostering a closer co-operation;

recognising that:

- CEPT/ECC is an organization of governmental bodies, hence with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with a private association;
- GTI is an open platform to advocate cooperation among global operators in relation to TD-LTE and converged LTE TDD/FDD;

and considering that:

- CEPT/ECC is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for developing policies, including a strategic approach and a forward looking work programme, on spectrum, numbering and network matters in a European context;
- GTI, among other objectives, is to promote the development of TD-LTE and converged LTE TDD/FDD, aiming to achieve global unified allocation of spectrum and enhancing the efficiency of spectrum use;

agree to co-operate as follows:

1. CEPT/ECC and GTI agree to exchange information and to identify, to the maximum extent possible, approaches which would facilitate the development of the TD-LTE ecosystem. The two parties may exchange as they may agree, free of charge, any information on programmes of work of mutual interest.

2. Copies of relevant working documents from either Party shall be made available to 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/ECC and the GTI 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. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from GTI is normally permitted at meetings of the ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
5. In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from CEPT/ECC may attend GTI technical and spectrum availability working group. A CEPT/ECC Observer may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts or meetings of other GTI bodies.

6. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organizational 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.

7. GTI may submit proposals to the relevant CEPT/ECC Body. These shall be discussed subject to the normal CEPT/ECC process for approval of new work items and outputs.

8. 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-period unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Agreement can be terminated by either Party on giving three months' written notice before the expiry date.

9. The practical contacts and decisions for the Application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairman and the GTI Chairman.

Agreed for the ECC by

Agreed for GTI by

Eric Fournier
Chairman ECC.

Craig Ehrlich
Chairman GTI

Date: 29/7/15

Date: 15/8/15