



Letter of Understanding
regarding cooperation between
the ECC (Electronic Communications
Committee) and GSA (Global mobile Suppliers
Association)

April 2016

The Parties,

Conference Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT) and its European Communication Committee (ECC),

and

GSA (Global mobile Suppliers Association)

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, with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with a private association;
- GSA (Global mobile Suppliers Association) represents vendors of radiocommunication systems such as GSM/EDGE/WCDMA-HSPA/HSPA+, LTE/LTE-Advanced and future IoT and 5G suppliers, as well as representing vendors of associated RLAN, backhaul and fronthaul systems and short range inter device communication systems, such as Bluetooth.

and considering that:

- CEPT/ECC is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for the harmonisation of spectrum use at European level in the field of telecommunications and in areas common to telecommunications, information technology, sound and television broadcasting;
- GSA, among other objectives, brings together a global industry community of telecoms professionals through its website, reports, information papers and practical activities to inform, influence, educate, explain and promote the opportunities enabled by mobile broadband systems;
- GSA has established a spectrum group, GSG (GSA Spectrum Group) which is available to support the radio regulatory and spectrum work in CEPT through a more active approach;
- CEPT/ECC and GSA/GSG have a common interest in ensuring the most efficient use and management of the Radio Spectrum for global harmonization of mobile broadband systems;

agree to co-operate as follows:

1. CEPT/ECC and GSA/GSG agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach concerning mobile broadband systems and 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 of mutual interest;

2. 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 GSA 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 ECC Chairman and the GSA/GSG Chairman shall meet periodically at their convenience;
5. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from GSA is normally permitted at meetings of the ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups;
6. In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from CEPT/ECC shall be regularly invited to GSA/GSG group. A CEPT/ECC Observer may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts or meetings of other GSA bodies;
7. 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;
8. GSA may submit proposals to the relevant CEPT/ECC Body. They will be considered under the normal CEPT/ECC process;
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 ECC Chairman and the GSA President.

Agreed for the ECC by

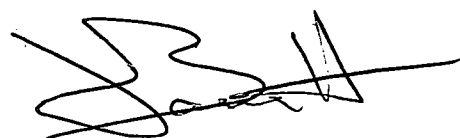


Eric Fournier
Chairman ECC

Date:

04 AVR. 2016

Agreed for GSA by



Joe Barrett
President GSA

Date:

06 April 2016