

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE of the CEPT  
AND THE  
GLOBAL SATELLITE OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION**

***The parties:***

The ***Electronic Communications Committee ('ECC')*** of the CEPT (Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications), and

The ***Global Satellite Operators Association ('GSOA')***, a non-profit making association registered under the laws of Belgium and having its registered office at Avenue Marnix 17, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

Hereinafter collectively referred to as 'the Parties'.

***recognising that:***

ECC is an organisation of governmental bodies with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with private associations.

GSOA is a not-for-profit private association representing the interests of global and regional satellite operators.

***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 radio spectrum, satellite orbits and numbering resources, so as to satisfy the requirements of users

GSOA is the global platform for collaboration between satellite operators. GSOA leads the sector's response to global challenges and opportunities. It offers a unified voice for the world's largest operators, important regional operators and other companies that engage in satellite-related activities. GSOA is recognised as the representative body for satellite operators by international, regional, and national bodies including regulators, policymakers, standards-setting organisations such as 3GPP and international organisations such as the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

ECC and GSOA have a common interest in ensuring the most efficient use and management of the radio frequency spectrum, satellite orbits and numbering resources for all satellite telecommunications applications.

Noting the need to establish a close relationship in order to foster cooperation,

***agree to cooperate as follows:***

- 1) ECC and GSOA agree to exchange information and to seek, as far as possible, a common approach concerning electronic communications applications, in particular, regarding the allocation and use of frequency spectrum, orbits and numbering resources for satellite telecommunications services. The two Parties may exchange, as appropriate, free of charge, any information on programmes of work in areas of mutual interest.
- 2) Copies of relevant 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 the ECC and GSOA 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 for the agreement of the originating Party prior to communication to other bodies.
- 4) The ECC Chairman and the Secretary General of GSOA should meet periodically at their convenience. Chairmen of ECC subordinate bodies and other Officers of the GSOA may participate in these meetings as appropriate and will be invited accordingly.
- 5) Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from GSOA is normally permitted at meetings of the ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups, and a nominated Observer from the ECC family will be invited to the relevant meetings of GSOA or its subordinate bodies, when the agendas contain items of mutual interest.
- 6) 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.
- 7) GSOA may submit proposals to the relevant ECC Body. These shall be considered subject to the normal ECC process for approval of 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 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.
- 9) The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairman and the GSOA Secretary General.

Agreed for the ECC by



Chris Woolford  
ECC Chairman

Agreed for GSOA by



Aarti Holla-Maini  
GSOA Secretary General

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