Letter of Understanding

Regarding co-operation between

The ECC and the R&TTE CA

The Parties,

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

and

The R&TTE Compliance Association (R&TTE CA)

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

Recognising that:

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

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 R&TTE CA aims, via co-operation between Notified Bodies, Testing Laboratories, Manufacturers, Administrations, Certification bodies, Conformity Assessment Bodies, and Organisations representing Suppliers or Users, to establish equivalence of interpretation regarding conformity assessment,

- ECC and the R&TTE CA have the common objective that radio equipment shall be so constructed that it effectively uses the spectrum allocated to terrestrial/space radio communication and orbital resources so as to avoid harmful interference.

Agree to co-operate as follows:

1. ECC and the R&TTE CA agree to exchange information and seek, to the extent possible, a common European approach concerning effective use of radio frequencies and avoidance of interference, in particular with regard to issues related to conformity assessment. 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 the members of the relevant part of the receiving Party, 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.

3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between the ECC and the R&TTE CA 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 R&TTE CA should meet periodically at their convenience. Chairmen of ECC subordinate bodies and other concerned
members/representatives of the R&TTE CA may participate in these meetings as appropriate and will be invited accordingly.

5. Within the context of this document, participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from the R&TTE CA 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 the ECC shall be regularly invited to relevant meetings of the plenary meetings of the R&TTE CA. An ECC Observer may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts of meetings of other R&TTE CA 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 R&TTE CA 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. The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairman and the Chairman of the R&TTE CA.

Agreed for the ECC by

CHRIS VAN DIEPENBEEK
ECC Chairman
Date: 25-07-2007

Agreed for the R&TTE CA

JAN COENRAADS
R&TTE CA Chairman
Date: 27-07-2007