

Letter of Understanding regarding co-operation between ERC and EICTA

Letter of Understanding made on the 1 of March, 2000

The Parties,

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

and

EICTA, the European information and Communications Technology Industry Association

having noted the need of 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

EICTA is an association of Companies and National Industry Associations;

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 ;
- EICTA develops common views for the development and placing on the market of Radio, Telecommunications and Information Technology equipment, including the implementation of a harmonised framework in Europe, concerning all Radio applications;
- CEPT/ERC and EICTA have the common objective to promote the European and global markets for Radio communication services and other Radio applications;
- CEPT/ERC and EICTA also have a common interest in ensuring the most efficient use and management of the Frequency Spectrum for all Radio applications ;

agree to co-operate as follows:

1. CEPT/ERC and EICTA agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach concerning radio matters. 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 EICTA 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 Chairman of the EICTA Main Committee having chief responsibility for spectrum issues should meet periodically at their convenience, but at least once a year. Chairmen of ERC/WGs and other concerned EICTA Main Committees may participate in these meetings as appropriate and will be invited accordingly.
5. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from EICTA is normally permitted at meetings of the ERC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.

In the Project Teams and TASK Groups where several manufacturers' experts directly participate in the working on behalf of their company, EICTA may nominate one EICTA Observer to speak on behalf of EICTA as necessary


6. In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from CEPT/ERC shall be regularly invited to EICTA Radio and Spectrum Policy Committee meetings. A CEPT/ERC Observer may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts of meetings of other EICTA 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. EICTA 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 Chairman of the EICTA Main Committee having chief responsibility for spectrum issues.

Agreed for CEPT/ERC by



Patrick Carey
Chairman ERC

Agreed for EICTA by



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