

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
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And
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WHEREAS, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (hereinafter referred to as "TRAI"), with headquarters at Mahanagar Doorsanchar Bhawan, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg (Old Minto Road), New Delhi is an Indian independent government agency serving as the national regulator for Telecommunications & Broadcasting Sectors in India;

WHEREAS, the Body of the European Regulators for Electronic Communications (hereinafter referred to as BEREC), with the office at Z.A. Meierovica Bulv. 14, 2nd Floor, Riga LV-1050, LATVIA, consists of the NRAs for the electronic communications sector from the Member States of the European Union, candidate countries and states of the European Economic Area and the European Commission as observers, and facilitates the consistent application of the telecommunication rules throughout the European Union;

WHEREAS, both TRAI and the BEREC (each referred to individually as "party" and collectively as "parties") have an interest in effective electronic communications regulation that promotes competitive markets, technological innovation, and value for consumers;

WHEREAS, both TRAI and BEREC wish to state their intent to form a cooperative relationship, as outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU");

NOW, THEREFORE, TRAI and BEREC have reached the following understanding:

I. PURPOSE

The goal of this MoU is to encourage a cooperative relationship between the Parties that supports the Parties' respective efforts to address current and future regulatory challenges as well as to develop collegial working relationships between experts representing both Parties.

II. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The activities may include, but are not limited to, roundtable discussions on pertinent regulatory issues, presentations in which regulators describe regulatory approaches and their effectiveness and the exchange of working papers which are described in the Annexure-1, which forms part of this MoU.

A. Cooperative Activities may include but are not limited to:

- Annual meetings;

- joint working groups;
- information exchange (e.g. questionnaires, working papers, specific events, etc.).

Such activities may be concluded via electronic means or in-person meetings between representatives of both parties.

B. Regulatory Issues

The parties intend to determine by mutual agreement the way in which exchange of information on regulatory issues is to be addressed through their cooperative relationship and those issues may include but are not limited to the issues described in Annexure-1.

III. MoU IMPLEMENTATION

A. Responsibilities

The parties intend to make the necessary arrangements to ensure implementation of the partnership, as outlined in the Annexure-1 and this MoU.

B. Communications

The parties intend to communicate regarding accomplishments related to this MoU.

C. Rules and Procedures

Each party intends to operate according to its respective rules and procedures.

IV. COSTS

The costs for each party resulting from the implementation of this MoU shall be borne by each one of them respectively.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Duration

The parties intend to carry out their cooperative activities for a period of two (2) years following the signature by both parties. After this initial period, it may be extended based on the outcome for the same period of time. Either party may provide advance written notice of its intention to terminate cooperative activities under this MoU. Cooperation under this Memorandum will continue until the expiry of 30 days after receipt of the written notice by either party to the other party.

B. Modification

The Parties may modify and/or amend this MoU at any time by mutual written consent.

C. Communications Regarding MOU

For the purposes of communications or notices with respect to this MoU, the TRAI will be represented by the Chairman and BEREC will be represented by its sitting Chair. Both participants may designate other focal points.

D. Legal Enforceability

This MoU is not intended to create legal and binding obligations for either party, but is a statement of the parties' intent to form a cooperative relationship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized thereto have signed this MoU. DONE at Sopot, Poland on 14 June, 2018 in two originals in English.

VI. SIGNATURES

For the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

Name: Dr. Ram Sewak Sharma,

Designation _____



For the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

Name: Mr. Johannes Gunzl,

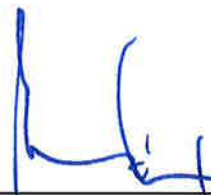
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For the Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

Name: Mr. Laszlo Ignezi,

Designation _____



Annexure-1

ACTIVITIES:

1. Joint Working Groups: 1 to 3 specific projects (to be defined).
 - i. Joint Working Group
 - a. Working Group on M2M/ IoT
 - b. Ecosystem of 5G Network
 - ii. Electronic communication regulation (Non-exhaustive) cooperation
 - b. Development of harmonized regulatory framework
 - i.Regulatory framework for 5G Network
 - ii.ICT Regulatory Framework in sustainable smart cities; and
 - iii.Regulatory framework for M2M/ IoT Communications
2. BEREC – TRAI annual meetings: strategic debate on common issues and agreement on yearly next steps.
3. Access and share of information: have access to contact list to disseminate and collect questionnaires, reports and any other valuable information.

Parties also agree to cooperate on following issues of the electronic communication regulation, which is not exhaustive and can be updated at any time on the basis of mutual written arrangement between parties:

- Competition in markets;
- Consumer protection;
- Management of scarce resources;
- Broadband development and promotion of NGA roll-out;
- Network neutrality;
- Costing and tariff methodologies;
- International roaming tariffs;
- Development of harmonised regulatory frameworks;
- Administrative procedures and operational issues concerning NRAs' activity;
- Promotion of investment by means of a pro-competitive regulation;
- Statistics;
- Video streaming over the Internet
- Retransmission of Linear Channels over the Internet