Telecommunications

1. In the context of the EU-facilitated dialogue, both sides agree that Kosovo shall be allocated a 3 digit dial code from the ITU in line with the standards and principles and timetable of the ITU. The two sides agreed that a mutually accepted modality will be found regarding this process within three months, with EU facilitation as necessary.

The aim is that the migration period relating to the dial code should end by January 2015. After this date, this dial code from the ITU will be used by all operators in Kosovo. Operators from both parties will reduce costs to local charges for citizens.

2. Regulators in both sides will agree technical agreements to harmonize the use of spectrum for GSM and television signal, including digital terrestrial broadcasting with the aim of ensuring mutually uninterrupted provision of services based on the principles of ITU and avoiding harmful interference between the mobile operators of both sides with a view to reducing costs to citizens. They will also enter into a harmonization process for digital frequencies.

3. On fixed telephony a full license for fixed telecommunications services will be issued to a NewCo, subsidiary of a Serbian company registered in accordance with the Kosovar regulatory framework.

4. On mobile telephony the Kosovo authorities will permit the new company a temporary authorization, under Kosovo regulatory framework for current operations limited to the current infrastructure on the ground. This temporary authorization will not expire before January 2015.

The temporary authorization will expire once the Kosovo authorities issue a new full, unrestricted, mobile telephone license as a result of a tender/auction. The tender will be organized in line with EU Standards.

5. Although Postal services were not part of these discussions both sides agree to discuss them at a later stage.

6. An implementation group will be formed with EU facilitation as necessary in order to draft a full Action plan for the implementation of the Agreement. Once the above arrangements have entered into force, the implementation group may discuss, at the request of either side, any other issues relating to these arrangements. The full implementation process will commence upon receipt of written acceptance of Action plan.

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