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ICTA
Information and Communication
Technologies Authority

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
AND
THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
AUTHORITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lebanon (hereinafter referred to as “TRA”) and **the Information and Communication Technologies Authority of the Republic of Turkey** (hereinafter referred to as “ICTA”) (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

Desiring to further strengthen the existing friendly relations between them as institutions of fraternal countries having strong historical ties,

Recognizing that cooperation in matters of mutual interest through the exchange of ideas, information, personnel, skills and experience will be of reciprocal benefit to both Parties;

Being aware of the fact that the cooperation in the field of electronic communications regulation enables the existing relations in other areas to develop further,

Have agreed as follows:

1. Introduction

TRA and ICTA hereby undertake to increase cooperation in the field of electronic communications regulation on advantageous and equal conditions and in the spirit of the friendly relations between the two Parties.

2. Purpose

This cooperation is aimed at promoting the exchange of information concerning the two Parties’ respective experience in the regulation of the communications industry.

The Parties anticipate that this co-operation will serve to support regulatory policies and actions by the two Parties in keeping with mutual interests, international best practices and the public convenience and necessity of the citizens of both nations.

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3. Fields of Cooperation

TRA and ICTA shall encourage and support the cooperation on the following main areas:

1. Regulation of electronic communications markets, which may include:
 - Number portability
 - Carrier selection and pre-selection
 - Local Loop Unbundling (LLU)
 - Tariffs
 - Rights of way
 - Fixed Wireless Access (FWA)/Broadband Wireless Access (BWA)
 - Quality of service
 - Consumer Protection
 - Communication policy and transparency efforts
2. Regulation of information technologies and implementation
 - IPv6
 - Internet domain name system
 - Information security
 - Mobile equipment identity register
3. Promotion of technical innovation in the electronic communications field
4. Other issues as may be mutually agreed

4. Means of Cooperation

The cooperation between TRA and ICTA will be carried out through:

- Exchange of information and documentation
- Exchange of experts
- Bilateral consultations
- Joint organization of technical workshops, seminars, study visits and training sessions

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- Dissemination of best practices in the field of electronic communications regulation
- Missions of experts and joint working groups in telecommunication services and technologies, and
- Such other forms of co-operation as may be mutually deemed appropriate.

Where appropriate, the Parties shall coordinate their actions and positions at international regulatory fora and organizations related to the electronic communications sector.

The cooperative activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and resources to the respective Parties. Each Party shall bear the costs of its own activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Information Confidentiality

Information acquired under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed by either Party to third parties without the prior written consent of the Party from which it has originated.

6. Relation to Other Treaties

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect any rights and obligations of the Parties under any international treaty.

7. Period of Memorandum of Understanding and Modifications/Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day of the signature and shall remain in force for a period of 1 year. Upon the expiration of this period, its validity shall be automatically renewed, for a further 1 year period, except in the case that one of the Parties terminates this Memorandum of Understanding through notifying the other Party of same no later than 3 months prior to the expiration of the initial or subsequent periods.

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