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Dear Coordinator/Secretary/Directors/Chief Executive Officers,

## **Re: Revision of the ECTEL Regional Spectrum Management Plan and Frequency Allocation Table**

Reference is made to the above subject captioned.

The Eastern Telecommunications Authority ('ECTEL') recommended that the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission ('Commission') conduct a public consultation in July 2021 on the *Revision of the ECTEL Regional Spectrum Management Plan and Frequency Allocation Table for the ECTEL Member States*. Valuable feedback and comments were submitted by service providers, the Commissions, and other stakeholders, which contributed to the success of the final recommendation.

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The ECTEL Regional Spectrum Management Plan ('Plan') and Frequency Allocation Table ('FAT') is a regional spectrum management document and divides the radio frequency spectrum of the ECTEL Member States ('MS') into several frequency bands and designates the general purposes for which each radio frequency band can be utilised. The Plan is based on the International Telecommunications Union Radiocommunications Sector ('ITU-R') Radio Regulations and incorporates the spectrum allocations for ITU-R Region 2, in which the ECTEL MS are located.

The first version of the Plan was published in 2006 and later revised in 2012. Therefore, there was a need to revise and update the Plan to ensure that the document remains current and complies with the ITU-R Region 2 Radio Regulations.

Some of the key objectives of the revised Plan include:

- 1) To revise and update ECTEL's Spectrum Management Policies, including the Plan and FAT, with consideration given to emerging wireless technologies and services;
- 2) To ensure that the radio frequency spectrum is utilised in the most efficient manner, for both public and private purposes;
- 3) To develop radio frequency band plans in keeping with the ITU's Radio Regulations for Region 2, for the allocation and assignment of spectrum to reflect the latest evolution of wireless technologies;
- 4) To develop frameworks to ensure that spectrum is made available for new technologies and services, and flexibility is preserved to adapt to market needs; and
- 5) To estimate spectrum needs of the market, particularly for Public Protection Disaster Relief ('PPDR') or Public Safety frequency bands, the International Mobile Telecommunications ('IMT') bands, etcetera.

The Revision of the Plan and FAT for the ECTEL MS and the Final Determination document were submitted to the ECTEL Board of Directors ('Board') and were approved at the 89<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board, which was held online via MS Teams, on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The Plan and Determination document were subsequently submitted to the Council of Ministers ('COM') for final approval, in accordance with the ECTEL Treaty. At the 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of ECTEL's COM held online via Zoom platform dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the COM approved the Plan and FAT for the ECTEL MS.

The approved version of the Plan is to take effect from 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and will replace the version published in 2012. The Directorate, therefore, requests that the Commissions publish the approved Plan and FAT on their websites.

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Further, in keeping with international best practice, the Plan and FAT will be revised periodically after the ITU-R World Radiocommunications Conferences ('WRC') and the publication of the ITU-R's Radio Regulations. The next periodic review of the Plan and FAT will be conducted through public consultation, of which ECTEL will advise accordingly.

Should you have any concern on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Directorate.

Yours sincerely,



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Cheryl Hector Fontenelle  
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*/Attached: Approved Regional Spectrum Management Plan and Frequency Allocation Table*