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Opening of the International Conference “Regulating Electronic Communications Market”

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Dear Deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro Mr Lazovic

Dear Mr Huseinovic,

Dear president of the Council Mr Djurovic,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year International Conference “Regulating Electronic Communications Market” is organized by the Agency for Electronic Communications of Montenegro and Postal Services (EKIP) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) within INFOFEST / International Festival of ICT Achievements, the festival that the Government of Montenegro proclaimed an event of special state interest as far back as in 1993.

I wish to remind you that the organization of a conference of regulators in the field of electronic communications was created in 2002 and that the first Conference was organized by this Agency in September 2003. Since then, the last week of September has become the week when we traditionally get together in Budva and Montenegro with the aim to exchange experiences in the field of regulation of this sector and to present the latest technological achievements and trends of development of the electronic telecommunication services.

Just like in the previous 13 years, this year the Conference has brought together experts from regulatory bodies, competent ministries and operators from the countries of the Region of Central and South-East Europe, along with prominent representatives of international institutions: ITU, CEPT, Cullen International, RCC etc.

We are grateful to have you with us this time too.

Participation of high representatives of the International Telecommunication Union continues this year. I would remind you that in 2008 we had former ITU Secretary General, Mr Hamadoun Toure, and Mr Houlin Jao, current ITU Secretary General attended the Conference in 2014. This year Mr Brahim Sanou, director of the ITU Development Sector will attend the Conference on the second day. We have with us, for the second year in a row, Mr Kemal Huseinovic, Chief of the Infrastructure, Enabling Environment and E-Applications Department in the Telecommunication Development Bureau of ITU. I wish to point out that Mr Huseinovic participated in this Conference on several occasions as the General Director of the Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Creating development policy of the electronic communications sector is a very important link in the implementation of activities, both ours from the field of regulation and those of operators in the field of development and implementation of latest technologies and services. Deputy prime minister, Prof. dr Vujica Laziovic, with his close associates, regularly participates in our and your Conference.

Ladies and gentlemen, dear guests,

After the Conference has officially started, I am using the opportunity to thank once again to our dear and distinguished colleagues and friends from regulatory agencies that have given their contribution all these years to the organization of this Conference and its status as a leading event of the regulators in the region of Central and South-East Europe.

Cooperation with the colleagues from the Agency for Telecommunications of the Czech has been also established on all levels and this year we have signed the Memorandum of Understanding between our two regulatory bodies. Mr Jaromir Nova, President of the Council of the Agency for Telecommunications of the Czech Republic (CTU) is here with us at the Conference.

Since we started the organization of the Conference in 2003, we have always had representatives of regulatory agencies from the neighbouring states: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and the Republic of Serbia. On this occasion we will hear the addresses of Mr Predrag Kovac, General Director of the Regulatory Agency for Communications of Bosnia-Herzegovina; Mr Saso Dimotrijoski, Director of the Agency for Electronic Communications of Macedonia; and Mr Dejan Suput, Assistant

Director of the Regulatory Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of the Republic of Serbia.

In accordance with the agenda of the Conference, I invite you to make a joint photograph for this Conference in front of the Hotel. After the photo, we will have a short coffee break. We will continue with the working part of the Conference at 10.45.

Dear friends, dear guests,

I wish to thank you for your attention.