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| Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations | |

NTT DOCOMO, Inc., a Sector Member of ITU-T and ITU-R, is pleased to present its contribution to the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations   
(EG-ITRs).

NTT DOCOMO is Japan’s leading mobile communications operator with headquarters in Tokyo. It serves over 75 million customers in Japan via advanced wireless networks. Outside Japan, it has representative offices and subsidiaries in Asia, America and Europe providing mobile solutions, conducting research and facilitating open ICT innovations.

In providing domestic and international communications services, neither we nor our partners have experienced any issues or conflicts from the existence of two versions of the ITRs. This is because our business is based mostly on private, contractual agreements, and the ITRs have no relevance in today’s international telecommunications environment.

We believe that flexibility is indispensable for developing competitive business and promoting innovation in this rapidly changing international communications market. Considering that the degree of technological development and the maturity of the market vary among countries, detailed rules should not be set at the treaty level. Therefore we think that the revision of ITRs is unnecessary. It is also important to note that ITU recommendations are “voluntary” and that this has consistently, of long standing, been the practice at the ITU. We believe this practice should continue to promote the provision and development of innovative international telecommunications services.

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