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Dear Sirs and Madams,

In my capacity as Commissioner for European Affairs of the German Media Authorities, the national regulatory authorities for audiovisual media services and radio, I would like to take the opportunity to comment on the *Second Draft RSPG Opinion on 5G networks* as part of the *Strategic spectrum roadmap towards 5G for Europe*.

While recognizing the extensive scope of the draft opinion, from the perspective of a national regulatory authority for audiovisual media services, we would like to limit our comments to two main observations concerning the future use of spectrum for broadcasting signals.

Firstly, in order to secure sustainable media diversity and pluralism in a convergent environment, we deem it utmost important that 5G networks are compatible also for the transmission of broadcasting signals. In this vein, Member States should likewise have the flexibility to establish national rules governing the access of broadcasting signals to the spectrum assigned to 5G services.

Secondly, we welcome that the Second Draft does not request any further allocation below 1 GHz (in particular in the sub-700 MHz band) for 5G. In this context, we would like to kindly recall that the Council and the Parliament in their decision (EU) 2017/899 on the use of the 470-790 MHz frequency band in the Union of 17 May 2017 agreed that broadcasting services shall be granted availability to the sub-700 MHz band at least until 2030, based on national needs. We would like to take this opportunity to underline the importance of this decision and call on all institutions involved to take this commitment seriously when discussing respective spectrum assignments in the future.

Yours sincerely,


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