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GSMA Comments to the draft Update of the RSPG Work Programme

RSPG WP “2016 and beyond”

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The GSMA welcomes the opportunity to respond to the RSPG consultation on its Work Programme “2016 and beyond” and believes that the RSPG has rightly identified the important specific radio spectrum policy issues relating to electronic communications for Europe for 2016 as well as for the near future. Such forward-looking Working Programme is consistent with the strategy and vision that the mobile industry has in Europe.

In particular, the GSMA is very supportive of the choice of topics by the RSPG in this work program. With the conclusion of WRC-15 and the approved future agenda item for 5G for the next conference in 2019, the topic of spectrum for the next generation network will be crucial for Europe and tackling the topic well ahead of the conference is welcomed. In addition, looking at the spectrum needs and requirements for the Internet of Things and in particular Machine to Machine as well as Intelligent Transport Systems of this emerging sector is important, especially in parallel to the 5G stream of work. For these topics as well as others, the work on the Digital Single Market will be essential to ensure that spectrum policy in Europe provides the right regulatory environment in terms of certainty, predictability and consistency across the EU for the industry to invest and deliver key services to its citizens.

The GSMA also welcomes that the public consultation on the Working Programme is opened to all relevant stakeholders and we hope that the deliverables of the RSPG for 2016 and beyond will also be subject to timely and adequate public consultations. In addition, we encourage the RSPG to include stakeholders throughout the delivery process of the various working items and hold a regular dialogue with the industry on the work items for 2016 and beyond. Such dialogue could take the form of a joint RSPG and Industry group with regular meetings through the year.