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PUERTO RICO CALLS FOR INCREASED TRANSATLANTIC COORDINATION IN EUROPEAN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORS PLENARY MEETING

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Montecitorio Palace, Rome | The Chairman of the Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board, Javier Rúa-Jovet, as Vice President and President 2015 of REGULATEL (Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators), spoke on behalf of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico during the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communication's (BEREC) 20th Plenary Meeting, an historic first.

Rúa-Jovet informed BEREC members and observers about the progress made under the BEREC/REGULATEL Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed in 2013 by REGULATEL executive committee heads Argentina, Puerto Rico and Costa Rica, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. MoU tasks include joint working groups on issues such as roaming, net neutrality, user's rights and quality of service. Joint working group results are expected to be presented during REGULATEL's Plenary Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, set for November 16th 2014.

During his speech, Rúa-Jovet expressed that Puerto Rico's chairmanship will strive to deepen transatlantic coordination and collaboration efforts. "As the Latin American territory geographically closest to Europe, and given our strong North American regulatory personality (and advanced state of our telecom market), we are also quite close to Europe in what regards our interests and concerns. The BEREC/REGULATEL relationship is a cornerstone upon which much can be built, for the benefit of all our countries." The expressions garnered a round of applause from the Plenary and kind words from BEREC chair Göran Marby, all of which were humbly accepted by Rúa Jovet.

Rúa-Jovet took the opportunity to invite all BEREC members to REGULATEL's plenary, which will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 16th to the 18th 2014, and will include a public Closing Ceremony and Master Conference with relevant keynote speakers. The Governor of the Commonwealth, the Honorable Alejandro García Padilla, will attend. All can register and receive up to date information via our website at: regulatel.jrtp.r.pr.gov/inicio.

Not only is it the first time Puerto Rico heads an international organization like REGULATEL, and appears before a BEREC Plenary, is also the first time that REGULATEL's Annual Meeting will be held in the island country.



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About REGULATEL:

REGULATEL brings together 23 countries from Latin America and Europe and its mission is to enhance cooperation and coordination efforts among their telecom NRAs. The Latin American members are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Venezuela. Uruguay will join in San Juan. The European members are: Spain, Portugal and Italy.

About PRTRB:

The Telecommunications Regulatory Board of Puerto Rico was created in 1996 to promote free and fair competition between companies offering telecommunication services and cable TV, to guarantee all citizens of Puerto Rico availability and enjoyment of those services at a reasonable cost; promote and encourage economic development and to ensure telecommunications and cable television optimum quality. The PRTRB also has the responsibility to adopt, amend and repeal such rules, orders and regulations as necessary to exercise its powers and the performance of their duties.