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WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as “FCC”), with headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, is an independent United States government agency serving as the national telecommunications regulatory authority for the United States;

WHEREAS, the Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators (hereinafter referred to as “Regutel”), [with an office at], is the organization of telecommunications sector regulatory entities from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, Spain, Portugal and Italy;

WHEREAS both the FCC and Regutel (each referred to individually as “participant” and collectively as “participants”) have an interest in effective telecommunications regulation that promotes competitive markets, technological innovation, and value for consumers;

WHEREAS both the FCC and Regutel wish to state their intent to form a cooperative relationship, as outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”);

NOW, THEREFORE, the FCC and Regutel have reached the following understandings:

I. PURPOSE

The goal of this MOU is to encourage a cooperative relationship between the participants that supports the participants’ respective efforts to address current and future regulatory challenges in both the United States and Latin America, as well as to develop collegial working relationships between experts representing both parties.

II. AREAS OF COOPERATION

A. Cooperative Activities

The activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Joint working groups;
- Information exchange (e.g., questionnaires, working papers, roundtable discussions, specific events, etc.)

Such activities may be conducted via electronic means or in-person meetings between representatives of both participants.

B. Regulatory Issues

The participants intend to determine by mutual arrangement the regulatory issues to be addressed through their cooperative relationship and those issues may include, but are not limited to, the issues described in Annex 1.

III. MOU IMPLEMENTATION

A. Responsibilities

The participants intend to make the necessary arrangements to ensure implementation of the partnership, as outlined in this MOU, to the extent that such implementation is consistent with the laws and regulations of each participant, and subject to the availability of funding for such arrangements.

B. Communications Regarding Accomplishments

The participants intend to communicate regarding accomplishments related to this MOU.

C. Rules and Procedures

Each participant intends to operate according to its respective rules and procedures.

IV. COSTS

The costs for each participant resulting from the implementation of this MOU shall be borne by each one of them.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Duration

The participants intend to carry out their cooperative activities for a period of two (2) years following signature by both participants. After this initial period, cooperative activities can be extended by mutual agreement of both participants. Either participant may provide advance notice of its intention to cease cooperative activities under this MOU.

B. Modification

The participants may modify and/or amend this MOU at any time.

C. Communications Regarding MOU

For purposes of communications or notices with respect to this MOU, both the FCC and Regulatel will be represented by their sitting Chairs or their designees. Both participants may designate other focal points.

D. Legal Enforceability

This MOU is not intended to create legal and binding obligations for either participant, but is a statement of the participants' intent to form a cooperative relationship.

VI. SIGNATURES

For the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

By:

Title:

At (city) _____ on (date) _____

For the Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators (Regulatel)

By:

Title:

At (city) _____ on (date) _____

ANNEX I

Areas of Cooperation

Activities:

1. Joint Working Groups: 1 to 2 specific topics (to be defined)
2. Access and Sharing of Information: Develop list of relevant contacts to disseminate and collect questionnaires, relevant information and reports; conduct in-person and virtual meetings to share information.

Suggested Topics:

- 1) Promoting access to broadband services, including broadband for disaster relief and emergency preparedness
- 2) Spectrum management issues
- 3) Net neutrality (Open Internet) and incentives for innovation and transparency in Internet network traffic management practices
- 4) Transition from analog to digital television
- 5) Network security/cybersecurity
- 6) Promotion of consumer interests, including combating theft of stolen mobile devices
- 7) IP transition
- 8) Enhancing ICTs for persons with disabilities

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