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Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP) – COM(2010)471

Dear Mr. Hökmark,

It is with great pleasure that PSCE learnt about your appointment as the Rapporteur for the proposal for a Decision establishing the first radio spectrum policy programme (RSPP).

As you may know the mission of our forum is to foster excellence in the development and use of public safety communications and information management systems as well as to improve the provision of public safety services for the citizens of Europe and beyond. We provide a common platform for researchers, industry and users to foster technologies used for public safety.

The use of radio spectrum is critical to this mission. For this reason we are following closely the development of the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme. We welcome, in particular, its recognition of the need for spectrum for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR). We especially support recital 18 recognising that studies have shown the need for additional harmonised spectrum below 1 GHz for PPDR purposes.

PSCE believes that the corresponding text in article 7.3 of the proposal is a good starting point for protecting European citizens who depend on reliable public security and safety services. Thus, we would like to suggest a minor adjustment to that article, deleting the phrase "If necessary". This will, in our view, make the text consistent, by ensuring sufficient radio spectrum for PPDR and first responders who offer protection and security to all EU citizens. Please find attached a proposal for amendment of the text of the proposal, as well as our position paper on the matter.

We believe access to coordinated spectrum for PPDR services will support the free movement of such services across member states' borders, to the benefit of all EU citizens and in compliance with the treaties.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider our proposal. We would be happy to discuss the matter in more detail and provide further information and supporting material.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex I

Amendment ...

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 - paragraph 3

Spectrum needs for specific Union policies

Text proposed by the Commission

If necessary, the Commission shall ensure that sufficient spectrum is made available under harmonised conditions to support the development of safety services and the free circulation of related devices as well as the development of innovative interoperable solutions for public safety and protection, civil protection and disaster relief.

Amendment

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Justification

According to Recital 18 of the Commission's proposal, "studies have already shown the need for additional harmonised spectrum below 1 GHz to deliver mobile broadband services for public protection and disaster relief". The "If necessary" language should be deleted for reasons of consistency. Further, the clause "If necessary" undermines the more than apparent necessity for a harmonised allocation of additional spectrum, so that public protection and disaster relief (PPDR) services can operate across borders in Europe.