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THIRD PROGRESS REPORT

ON

ASPECTS OF A EUROPEAN APPROACH TO 'COLLECTIVE USE OF SPECTRUM'

1. INTRODUCTION

The RSPG Working Group on Collective Use of Spectrum met in Brussels on 24 April 2008. Discussion at the meeting focused on a number of issues, including:

- the advantages and disadvantages of CUS;
- the potential of CUS in specific circumstances, e.g. in low population density areas, for experimental use etc;
- the way in which spectrum should be made available for CUS.

We also discussed the innovation potential of CUS in terms of the incentive on manufacturers to develop new products which would optimise use of spectrum. This is one of the aims of the R&TTE Directive but the Group was unsure how effectively this worked in practice in relation to CUS. It was proposed to ask a question on the effectiveness of this incentive as part of the consultation and this is included in Section 2.2 of the draft Opinion.

Following the meeting, the Rapporteur prepared a new draft of the draft Opinion, incorporating issues raised at the Working Group. There was a further round of comments and the latest version is available in document RSPG08-228.

2. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Working Group proposes that, if the RSPG is content, the attached should be submitted for public consultation. Apart from the issue referred to above, there are no specific questions included in the draft. We would however welcome comments from

stakeholders on the general content of the draft Opinion, especially in relation to the views of RSPG as set out in Section 6.

Before submitting for public consultation we would however welcome the comments of RSPG.

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