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**Report of the RSPG Working Group
on the results of the public consultation
regarding the draft opinion
on the process for EU assistance in bilateral negotiations with third countries and
between EU countries**

The RSPG undertook a public consultation to seek the views from all interested parties on this RSPG Opinion. The consultation was conducted in accordance with Article 5 of the EC Decision establishing the Radio Spectrum Policy Group, on 21 November 2011, via the RSPG website, with a closing date of the 10 January 2012.

There were 7 responses to the consultation, the full text of the responses is available on the public RSPG website :

http://rspg.groups.eu.int/consultations/responses_bilateral_assistance111121/index_en.htm

All responses were generally supportive of the opinion. Concerning the RSPG good offices, several responses emphasized that this process is complementary of regulatory procedures used for cross border coordination and does not affect them.

Two administrations Croatia and Cyprus, asked for clarifications concerning accession and candidate countries. The opinion was therefore modified in order to indicate that recommendations regarding negotiations between EU countries also applies to accession countries and those regarding third countries applies to candidate countries. In addition, the link with the RSPP Decision was underlined in response to Cyprus comments.

Two representatives of the Broadcasting sector, EBU and ARD associated with ZDF, recalled the efficiency of the current framework and considered that coordination processes should remain under the competence of Members States to which operators may provide technical support and advices. They indicates that “*intervention on a high political level should only be considered in cas of exceptional difficulties*”. This is exactly the recommendation of the RSPG which makes a distinction between coordination between EU countries on the one hand and between EU countries and third countries in the other hand.

Three representatives of the mobile community, GSM-A, Telecom Italia and Telefonica were supportive of the opinion. Telecom Italia added that the “RSPG good office” would be effective if both concerned parties agree on the RSPG intervention.