



#### Memorandum of Understanding Between

# Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission of the Kingdom of Thailand And

# The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa of the Republic of South Africa

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission of the Kingdom of Thailand (Office of the NBTC), with its principal place of business at 87 Soi Sailom, Phaholyothin Road, Phayathai, Bangkok 10400.

#### And

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) of the Republic of South Africa, with its principal place of business at 350 Witch-Hazel Ave, Eco-Park Estate, Centurion, 0144.

Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties/Participants".

WHEREAS the Parties/Participants desire to establish good relations and cooperation between themselves.

WHEREAS the Parties/Participants recognize that cooperation in the area of broadcasting and telecommunications regulations will enable the Parties/Participants to promote an advancement of social and economic development of their respective countries.

The Parties/Participants have reached the following understanding:

#### Paragraph 1 Introduction

The Parties/Participants hereby undertake to begin cooperation in the area of broadcasting and telecommunications regulations as equal partners in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding.

# Paragraph 2 Purpose

- (1) Cooperation between the Parties/Participants under this MoU is aimed at promoting an exchange of information pertinent to each Parties respective legislative mandate and experience in the regulation of the broadcasting and telecommunications industries.
- (2) The Parties/Participants aspire that the cooperation under this MoU will serve to support their countries regulatory policies based upon mutual interest and international best practice.

# Paragraph 3 Scope of Cooperation

The Parties/Participants have identified the following areas of common interest for cooperation:

- (a) Regulation of broadcasting and telecommunications;
- (b) Spectrum management/monitoring and licensing framework for broadcasting and telecommunications services;
- (c) Consumer protection in relation to broadcasting and telecommunications services;
- (d) Promotion of technical collaboration in broadcasting and telecommunications Field;
- (e) Over-the-Top (OTT) related policies;
- (f) Other forms of cooperation as may be mutually deemed appropriate by the Parties/Participants.

# Paragraph 4 Means of Cooperation

- (1) The cooperation between the Office of the NBTC and ICASA shall be carried out through:
  - (a) Exchange of information and best practices;
  - (b) Bilateral meetings;
  - (c) Other forms of cooperation as mutually deemed appropriate by the parties.
- (2) The cooperative activities carried out under this MoU will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of the respective Parties/Participants. Each Party/Participant shall bear the costs of its own activities under this MoU.

# Paragraph 5 Information Confidentiality

The exchange of information within the framework of this MoU shall be in accordance with the domestic law and regulations of the Parties/Participants. Information acquired under this MoU shall be deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed by either Party/Participant to third persons without the prior written consent of the Party/Participant from which it originated.

## Paragraph 6 Relation to other Treaties

This MoU will not affect any rights and obligations of the Parties/Participants under any international treaty to which the Parties/Participants are signatories and does not constitute a treaty or create any rights and obligations under international law.

### Paragraph 7 Period of MoU and Modifications/Terminations

- (1) This MoU will come into effect on the date of signature by both Parties/Participants and will remain in effect for a period of two (2) years.
- (2) Upon its expiration, this MoU will be automatically extended for a subsequent period of two (2) years.
- (3) Either Party/Participant may terminate this MoU by notifying the other in writing of its intention to do so by giving a six (6) months' notice period prior to the expiration of periods in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) above.
- (4) This MoU may be amended by mutual consent by the Parties/Participants in writing.

Signed in duplicate at Bangkok, Thailand on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in the English language

For the Independent Communications
Authority of South Africa,
the Republic of South Africa

For Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission, the Kingdom of Thailand

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