Annex Two

Ministerial Direction to ComReg

On 30 March 2004 Dermot Ahern, the Minister at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in the Republic of Ireland, issued a set of policy directions to ComReg. The following text sets out the policy direction in relation to Cross-border roaming.

Policy Direction No. 3

> *Cross Border Roaming:*
> *ComReg shall, subject to relevant requirements under European and National law, identify barriers, work closely with operators and Ofcom, and use regulatory and enforcement tools to encourage and support initiatives that would: reduce the costs for people on the island making and receiving calls on their mobile phones to numbers within Northern Ireland; reduce or eliminate roaming and other charges on the island between Ireland and Northern Ireland; encourage national call charging on an all-island basis.*
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> *The goal is to minimise cross border roaming and other charges on the island of Ireland for mobile phone users, particularly those who live close to the border.*