ETNO Response to the Draft ECC Decision ECC/DEC(11)FF on the “Withdrawal of ECTRA/DEC(96)01 Regarding a European Telephony Numbering Space (ETNS), ECTRA/DEC(96)48 Regarding a European Telephony Numbering Space (ETNS), ECC/DEC(04)07 on European Telephony Numbering Space (ETNS) Conventions”

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Executive Summary

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• In this position paper, ETNO wishes to explain the point of views about the closure of the ETNS.

General comments

ETNO1 would like to thank the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) for the opportunity to comment on Draft ECC Decision ECC/DEC(11)FF on the “Withdrawal of ECTRA/DEC(96)01 Regarding a European Telephony Numbering Space (ETNS), ECTRA/DEC(96)48 Regarding a European Telephony Numbering Space (ETNS), ECC/DEC(04)07 on European Telephony Numbering Space (ETNS) Conventions”.

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1 The European Telecommunications Network Operators’ Association (ETNO) is representing 40 major companies, which provide electronic communications networks over fixed, mobile or personal communications systems in 35 countries. ETNO is Europe’s leading trade association and its members have substantial Internet operations. More information about ETNO can be found at: www.etno.eu
ETNO appreciates and welcomes this ECC Decision, as it is a necessary and logical closure of the ETNS, due to its lack of commercial success, whilst at the same time acknowledging implicitly the basic fact that services, in order to be commercially viable and socially relevant, have to be driven by the real proven needs of the final users, be they consumers or businesses, and involve all stakeholders.