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## **QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE NOTIFICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (GPA/W/207)**

### Communication from the European Community

1. Please provide the names of facilities-based operators other than KT (fixed network operators and mobile network operators). What are their respective market shares (mobile; fixed voice - local, long-distance and international; data services; broadband access; etc.)? In respect of each service, what is the percentage of the population having the choice of another operator other than KT? What share of the equipment market does each operator have?
2. Could the Government of the Republic of Korea please provide figures regarding local access and respective market shares between competitive access providers (cable TV, KT and other competitive providers if any)? Could the Government of the Republic of Korea please provide figures related to the number of unbundled lines?
3. Please provide further details as regards the independence of the regulatory authority. Please confirm if our understanding is correct that the Korean Communication Committee (KCC) deliberates on regulatory issues (interconnection, accounting adjustment, mobility of numbers etc.).
4. Are there any government officials on KT's shareholders' committee, board or management? Could the Government of the Republic of Korea please provide the list of previous members of the Management Board (prior to the sale by the government of its shares in KT) and the names and previous positions of the current members of the Management Board?
5. What is the size of purchases of KT in the different categories of equipment (access, exchanges, transmission, etc.)?
6. Could the Government of the Republic of Korea please provide a copy of all recent legislation in relation to the privatization of KT?
7. Please provide KT special regulations for foreign contracts, if any exist.
8. Please provide any KT guidelines for challenging procedures on procurement.
9. Please provide a list of shareholders in each of KT and SKT (South Korea Telecom), as well as the percentage values of each shareholder's shareholdings.

The European Community reserves its right to raise additional follow-up questions.

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