

# UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA REGULATOR CONSULTATIONS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**WORK PROGRAM**  
**March 2000 - March 2002**

## 1. Introduction

The United States of America Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Republic of Argentina Secretariat of Communications, including the National Communications Commission (CNC), desiring to expand their collaboration on issues of mutual interest, particularly with regard to development of a transparent, effective and independent regulatory process, have agreed on the following program of cooperative activities to be accomplished during the 2000-2002 period.

## 2. Work Program

### 2.1 Rulemaking Procedures and the Public Process

The FCC will assist the Secretariat of Communications on numerous aspects of the administrative process throughout this period covered by this work program. Issues to be addressed include: independent regulatory body, internal agency structure, the rulemaking process, the proper role of regulatory and policy making staff, issues relating to the processing of applications, delegation of authority issues and conflict of interest management. The Work Plan envisions continuous contact between U.S. and Argentine regulatory officials. These contacts will include continuous consultations on these and other related issues.

The contact persons for these consultations is, for the FCC: Roderick K. Porter, International Bureau (tel. 202-418-0423); and for the Secretariat of Communications: Carlos Killian.

### 2.2 Universal Access

Throughout the year, the FCC will be available to provide the Secretariat of Communications with policy and technical advice, as requested, regarding the expansion of universal access to telecommunications throughout Argentina, focusing on strategies to foster choice for the public, ensure open access to the network, and provide for appropriate and flexible regulation.

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### **2.3 Competition and Interconnection**

Throughout the year the FCC will be available to provide advice to the Secretariat of Communications, as requested, on methods of promoting competition and choice for the public through interconnection regulatory policy, numbering plans and other regulatory structures and processes.

These discussions will include consultations on specific Argentine proposals related to these topics.

The contact persons for these consultations is, for the FCC: Roxanne MeElvane, tel. 202 418-1489; and for the Secretariat of Communications: Carlos Killian

### **2.4 Spectrum Management and Monitoring**

The use of spectrum is increasing exponentially as Argentina introduces new wireless technologies. The users of the spectrum will need unencumbered, interference-free use of the spectrum. The Secretariat of Communications is determined to ensure its preparedness to serve the public interest in this regard, and to supplement its resources, both human and infrastructure. The long record of experience that the FCC has in these matters will be used to assist the Secretariat of Communications in this effort in the form of ongoing advice and consultations during the course of the Work Program period.

The contact persons for these consultations is, for the FCC: Arlan K. Van Doorn of the FCC's Compliance and Information Bureau (202-418-1105); and for the Secretariat of Communications: Carlos Killian.

### **2.5 Information Technology Infrastructure Development**

Recognizing that the sensitivity and confidentiality of certain of the various databases, information and other data necessary for the proper functioning of an independent regulatory agency cannot be over emphasized. The Argentine Secretariat of Communications will explore information technology (IT) used by the FCC in with respect to its handling of sensitive data and information,

### **2.6 Telecommunications Training**

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standardization and certification, signal analysis and propagation measurement techniques.

The contact persons for these consultations are, for the FCC Dale Hatfield of the Office of Engineering and Technology, (202-418-2470); and for the Secretariat of Communications: Carlos Killian.

## 2.7 Other Exchanges

Throughout the year, the FCC and the Secretariat of Communications plan to exchange information on other regulatory issues relating to telecommunications, including developments of mutual interest in the International Telecommunication Union and the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission, trends in technology, satellite licensing issues, and operational aspects of communications services, including experimental authorizations and new services.

## 3.0 Implementation

3.1 Implementation of this work program is subject to the resources constraints of both organizations and may be modified as necessary by mutual agreement.

3.2 The officials with overall responsibility for monitoring implementation of this work program are: for the FCC: Roderick K. Porter, FCC International Bureau Deputy Chief; and for the Secretariat of Communications: Carlos Killian.

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