MOBILE PHONE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (MPPI)
Mobile Phone Working Group’s Teleconference
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SUMMARY REPORT

Welcome and Introductions:
• The Chair of the MPWG, Marco Buletti from Switzerland, welcomed everyone to this teleconference.
• He specially welcomed the participants from the Ministries of Environment from Romania and Egypt and the representative from the BCRC in Cairo.
• He indicated that the main purpose of this teleconference is to discuss financial issues associated with pilot projects and to provide information on side events during COP 8 in Nairobi.
• The draft agenda was adopted with no additions or deletions.

MPPI Pilot Projects:
• The Chair indicated that the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP8) will take place in Nairobi, Kenya at which e-waste will be the theme of the COP with a special high-level segment focussed on the topic.
• He noted that during COP 7 in 2004 he informed the group that concrete pilot projects would start in 2005. This information was well received by all Parties to the Basel Convention, in particular by developing countries. However, due to funding issues, no projects were initiated in 2005.
• The Chair mentioned that since this COP will take place in Africa, where e-waste is an important issue, the expectations will be high to hear a positive announcement on the status of pilot projects. Given the cost and range of projects carried out internationally, he added that the amount of money that was identified for the two pilot projects is not that much. The activities that were identified include awareness raising on environmentally sound collection schemes and a Workshop in each of these countries.
• John Myslicki was asked to introduce the 3 documents that were distributed for this teleconference. John introduced the 3 documents by mentioning that:
The new strategy document was prepared in response to the decision made during the October 24 teleconference, during which participants agreed to split the original pilot project into 4 sub-projects. He added that by splitting to sub-projects a number of activities would be reduced and the overall cost would also be reduced.

He mentioned that the project on collection in Romania would cost approximately USD 210,000 instead of USD 330,000 as shown in the table. The same would be for Egypt. He noted that telecom operators should revisit the project description and reconfirm if they would continue to pledge the USD 170,000 for each pilot project, as was suggested in the Dessau meeting. John added that the biggest cost in each of these projects would be for developing and disseminating public awareness material and for hosting a workshop at the end of the project.

John indicated that the information note on pilot projects that was tabled at the Dessau meeting was prepared by a small group consisting of France Telecom/Orange, Vodafone and Panasonic. It was slightly modified by deleting some of the activities associated with treatment schemes and leaving only those on collection (Appendix 1 page 6 & 7, and Appendix 2 pages 12 & 13).

John then introduced the note on financial situation which lists 14 activities and required resources. The note was modified by deleting those activities that are associated with treatment schemes, unless more progress is made before COP 8.

Nonetheless the Chair will mention to the COP that refurbishment companies (Fonebak and ReCellular) came forward and completed the testing of the refurbishment guideline, as in-kind contribution. Furthermore, he will add that some recyclers (UMICORE, MaSeR) expressed interest in testing material recovery and recycling guideline, as in-kind contribution.

The floor was opened for any clarifications and comments on documents that were distributed for this teleconference.

The participant from Romania asked what would be some of the responsibilities and obligations of the government of Romania, and the role that the BCRC in Bratislava would play in the pilot projects proposed. He was given the response that such issues were not yet discussed in any detail by the MPWG since there is no agreement on project activities or funding. However, the project outline mentions a need to set up a project team consisting of local telecom operators, government officials (national provincial and municipal) relevant NGOs, manufacturers, refurbishers, recyclers and BCRC in Bratislava. There is also a need to hire a local consultant to oversee the project.

The participant from the BCRC in Cairo posed similar questions concerning BCRC responsibilities and duties in such a possible pilot project. Also he was informed, that such questions are important and must be clarified at a very early stage of each pilot project. However, since the discussion on financial issues is still ongoing, these questions can not yet be answered in any detail but only in a general way, similar to the way the questions of Romanian official were answered.

BAN suggested that the sub-project dealing with testing of transboundary movement guideline, mentioned in the strategy document, should be deleted. It was agreed to do that based on the fact that that once the overall guidance document is adopted by COP 8, information will be collected so that procedures
for transboundary movement could be revised at specified time intervals to reflect the knowledge and experience gained, including those from the proposed MPPI pilot projects.

- Nokia mentioned that in addition to testing refurbishment, material recovery and recycling, collection guidelines, the guideline on design consideration should also be tested. The group agreed that this activity will be taken up at a later date. John informed the group that following the Dessau meeting a paragraph was added in the Terms of Reference for testing of refurbishment guideline as proposed by manufactures and approved by MPWG. Once we see the report from refurbishers a decision could be made on the scope of future study on testing the guideline on design considerations.

- France telecom/Orange indicated that they are still interested in a more comprehensive studies on collection and treatment schemes to ensure that the collection schemes become more sustainable and not only testing of the collection guideline.

- BAN stated that it is time for industry to put up the necessary funds for these studies. He added that MPWG has been discussing these projects for long time, and should not try to shift the funding on the shoulder of the developing countries. He also stated that BAN would be ready to contribute within its limited funding possibilities to support the pilot project on collection.

- After few additional comments the chair proposed the following:
  - Invited the industry to meet together to discuss details and funding options for projects in Romania and Egypt.
  - Requested that this group come up with recommendations on pilot projects and what he should say in the plenary, when he makes his report.
  - Requested identification of what type of resources will be needed, and how they will be shared.

- Nokia volunteered to coordinate such discussions. The group would consist of: Nokia, Sony Ericsson, and a representative from Telecom Operators (to be identified after the teleconference). The Chair will also identify one person to represent the chair and the Secretariat (also to be identified after the teleconference). After the teleconference, Vodafone was identified as being the representative of telecom operators in this small group.

- The Chair asked that these discussions be completed by November 21, so that he can incorporate the outcome in his report.

### Side Events during COP 8:

- The Chair reviewed the latest agenda, by mentioning that the side event on MPPI will be on November 28, from 13:00 to 15:00.

- Claudia Fenerol mentioned that they may have to shift the side event on MPPI to Monday, November 27, to ensure it does not conflict with other similar topic side events. The chair asked Claudia to coordinate this with speakers, other than government officials, to ensure they will be ready to attend it on Monday. After the teleconference Secretariat confirmed that the side event on MPPI will be on Monday, 27 November 2006.

- He restated that each presentation should be short, no more than 5 minutes, to allow more time for questions and answers.
• Claudia Fenerol added that the list of all side event is still being discussed and she will inform the chair when the final list is on their website.

Other Business:

• Claudia informed the group of the two other projects that are being initiated in cooperation with the Secretariat:
  – Collection of used mobile phones in Asia Pacific region (Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia) proposed and funded by DOWA- Ecosystem Co, TD and a Japanese Consortium.
  – Collection of used mobile phones in Mexico - an agreement between Telefonica and Mexican Authorities has been signed.

• Furthermore she emphasized the importance of sponsoring workshops on disseminating the guideline to developing countries and countries with economies in transition so they can learn about the guidelines and put into practice the recommendations in their country.

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