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Dear Sir / Madam,

**LICENSING OF MOBILE SERVICES ON EXPIRY OF EXISTING LICENSES FOR
SECOND GENERATION MOBILE SERVICES**

With reference to the above mentioned consultation paper issued on 19 March, the British Consulate-General is pleased to express the following views based on United Kingdom industry experience:

- Consumers around the world are looking for cost effective and high quality mobile services. In general they are not aware of the technologies that lie behind the services. Experience in the United Kingdom suggests that the regulator should adopt a **technology neutral** stand point to ensure that the best services are built on the most appropriate technologies that meet consumers' demands and expectations.
- The United Kingdom is a strong advocate of competition and that the number of licences should reflect both supply and demand. However, it is also important that the **number of operators should not undermine commercial stability**.

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to comment on the above and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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