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Re: DSA Reply Comments to the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunication Authority on the Public Consultation on Regional Spectrum Management Plan No. 01/2021.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance (DSA¹) respectfully submits its reply comments in response to the Public Consultation on the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunication Authority (ECTEL) Regional Spectrum Management Plan.²

The record in response to Public Consultation confirms that the Regional Spectrum Management Plan is addressing many important topics and proposals. Despite DSA had no comments on the specific questions, our comments have referred to one of the key objectives of the Plan³, we have referred to the importance of ensuring that 1200 MHz of spectrum is made available for Wi-Fi 6E and Wi-Fi 7 technologies in the 5925-7125 MHz band.

In this contribution, as part of our reply comments, DSA would like to subscribe to the contribution of a group of companies representing device manufacturers, chipset vendors and application providers that has respectfully asked “the ECTEL Member States to consider making spectrum in the 5925 MHz – 7125 MHz (or 6 GHz) band available for license-exempt use”.

DSA believes that making the 6 GHz band available for license-exempt use opens the band for new technologies and applications while allowing incumbent services to continue to operate. Additionally, it is an important opportunity for ECTEL to support broadband connectivity in the Member States.

¹ The DSA is a global, cross-industry, not for profit organization advocating for laws, regulations, and economic best practices that will lead to more efficient utilization of spectrum, fostering innovation and affordable connectivity for all. Our membership spans multinationals, small-and medium-sized enterprises, as well as academic, research and other organizations from around the world all working to create innovative solutions that will benefit consumers and businesses alike by making spectrum abundant through dynamic spectrum sharing. A full list of DSA members is available on the DSA’s website at www.dynamicspectrumalliance.org/members

² Available online at <https://www.ectel.int/consultation-on-ectel-regional-spectrum-plan/>

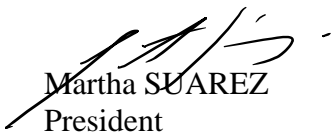
³ To develop frameworks to ensure that spectrum is made available for new technologies and services, and flexibility is preserved to adapt to new market needs.

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DSA looks forward to seeing the ECTEL Regional Spectrum Management Plan explicitly including the development of a framework to ensure that the entire 6 GHz band (5925-7125 MHz) is made available for license exempt technologies. We are available to discuss these comments and provide any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,


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