Subject: Notice for seeking stakeholders inputs on the Draft Indian Telecom Security Assurance requirements (ITSAR) for MME (4G Core Network element

Dear Stake holders,

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885), the Central Government amended the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951 to insert Rule 528 to 537 in Part XI under the heading Testing & Certification of Telegraph. The new rules provide that every telecom equipment must undergo prior mandatory testing and certification.

2.   Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) came out with Procedure for Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecommunication Equipment' (MTCTE) in December 2017. The MTCTE document outlines the procedure to operationalise the new Rules.

3.   The testing and certification described in the MTCTE procedure document requires that the equipment meets the Essential Requirements (ER). Security Requirement is part of ER for which the equipment must be tested and certified against. The responsibility for framing Security requirements and for Security testing and certification lies with National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS), a centre under Department of Telecommunications headquartered at Bengaluru.

4.   Security Assurance Standards (SAS) vertical under NCCS is responsible for drafting and finalising ITSARs for communication equipment. In this regard, a meeting is scheduled for seeking inputs from the stakeholders (TSPs, vendors, prospective labs, industry bodies, and academia) on the draft ITSAR for MME. The details of the meeting are as follows:

- **Date of meeting: 22.04.2019 (from 10:30 hrs to 17:30 hrs)**
- **Venue: SERC AUDITORIUM , 4TH Floor , SERC Department INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE , BANGALORE – 560012**

5.   Stakeholders may send their suggestions/comments to the following Email addresses on or before **10.04.2019 (17:30 hrs)** – ddgntb.bg-dot@gov.in; a.nagajyotia@gov.in; adg1ttscbg-dot@gov.in.

6.   Draft ITSAR document can be downloaded from following websites – www.tec.gov.in and www.dot.gov.in.

With Regards

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