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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUB: Addendum to the New Telecom Policy – 1999 (NTP-99)

Given the central aim of NTP-99 to ensure rapid expansion of teledensity; given the unprecedented expansion of telecom services that competition has brought about; given the steep reductions in tariffs that competition has ensured; given the fact that advances in technologies erase distinctions imposed by earlier licensing systems; given the fact that even more rapid advances in technologies are imminent; given the steep reduction in costs of providing telecom services; given the rapid convergence of tariffs for wireless services; given the fact that the provision of such services at the cheapest possible rates and by the most reliable mode is the sine qua non for India to consolidate its position as a leading hub of Communications systems, Information Technology, IT enabled services, and of establishing itself as a leader in new disciplines such as bioinformatics and biotechnology; given the recommendations of TRAI in this regard; Government, in the public interest in general and consumer interest in particular and for the proper conduct of telegraphs and telecommunications services, has decided that there shall also be the following categories of licences for telecommunication services:

- (i) Unified Licence for Telecommunication Services permitting Licensee to provide all telecommunication/ telegraph services covering various geographical areas using any technology;
- (ii) Licence for Unified Access (Basic and Cellular) Services permitting Licensee to provide Basic and /or Cellular Services using any technology in a defined service area.

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