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VENEZUELA-UNITED STATES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Venezuelan Ministry of Transportation and Communications (VMTC) and the FCC have signed an agency to agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today at the FCC.

This MOU, adopted in accordance with the 1990 U.S.-Venezuela Science and Technology Agreement, will expand direct ties between the FCC and the new VMTC division responsible for spectrum management in the areas of radio monitoring, direction finding, exchange of technical data and interference resolution.

The signatories were Commissioner James H. Quello for the FCC and Minister Fernando Martinez Mottola for the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The areas of cooperation envisioned by the MOU include:

- Development of systems of study for technical verification of radio frequency emissions and interference analysis;
- Homologation of technical characteristics of both monitoring and communications equipment;
- Exchange on a real-time basis of radio spectrum monitoring data and direction finding bearings once monitoring systems are appropriately developed;
- Identification and elimination of improper radio transmitters operating in the COSPAS-SARSAT distress and safety band;
- Training visits to the FCC Field Operations Bureau headquarters and monitoring facilities, as appropriate;
- Training visits to the VMTC headquarters and monitoring facilities, as they are developed;
- Development of an automated information system for the issuance of permits in the various radio services;
- Radio frequency spectrum planning;
- Exchange of information on common carrier wire and radio tariff systems; and
- Exchange of information on broadcasting and cable regulation.

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USA/Venezuela Memorandum of Understanding

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome the distinguished delegation from the Republic of Venezuela. The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding between the Venezuelan Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the United States Federal Communications Commission is an historic event. This agreement provides for the establishment of a program for technical cooperation in the development of telecommunications under the auspices of the 1990 Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between our countries. Those of us involved in telecommunications are acutely aware of the benefits to the public that arise from cooperation in training and technical matters. These fundamentals underlay communications, which is the engine of modern societies and economies. As the world becomes a smaller, yet more complex place, thanks in large measure to advanced communications capabilities, we will collectively reap the rewards and benefits that accrue from sharing knowledge and expertise among hemispheric neighbors.