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# India-EU cooperation on ICT standardisation

Welcome Address, Workshop on India-EU Collaboration on Standardisation for Select Technologies

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Directors General Chatterjee and Romero, Associate Director General Tiwathia, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to welcome you here today on behalf of the European Union at the occasion of this "Workshop on India-EU Collaboration on Standardisation for Select Technologies", bringing together relevant experts from India and the EU, from the standards organisations TSDSI[1] and ETSI. I am happy to say that the EU is able to actively support cooperation on ICT standardisation – an increasingly important field of work – through a new Partnership Instrument project, the first of its kind with India.

Let me first of all thank the organisers - the project team and colleagues from TSDSI and ETSI – for their preparatory work, and of course all participants from India and the EU for coming together today to discuss and build concrete cooperation on specific priority areas for cooperation between ETSI and TSDSI.

Today's workshop follows upon a successful first workshop held in May, in which stakeholders[2] were able to identify three key areas of cooperation in mutual interest and benefit: 5G, the next platform for mobile communications; Intelligent Transport Systems and Machine to Machine Communications; and

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[1] Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India
[2] Members of TSDSI and representatives of ETSI.

NFV/SDN[3], which will substantially improve the functioning of the underlying networks.

Today's workshop will focus on these identified topics, and on security as a cross-cutting subject, and will continue deliberations and try to further fine-tune these areas of cooperation. I am in this context happy to inform you that we have already submitted a follow-up project, which shall in a next step provide dedicated support for the concrete implementation of the cooperation you are defining here today.

This cooperation is forward looking and strategic, and I would wish to add that in the last meeting of the India-EU Joint ICT Working Group[4] in New Delhi in January, both sides have endorsed new cooperation opportunities in this field and agreed that ICT standardisation will from now on become a fixed agenda point for our bilateral meetings. And I would not exclude the possibility that the cooperation you are building will find its way into the conclusions of the next meeting at summit level between India and the EU.

If India and the EU, and in particular our standards bodies TSDSI and ETSI can work together successfully and contribute from an early stage to important international standardisation efforts, this will help us all to ensure that our products can be exported

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[3] Network Functions Virtualisation/Software Defined Networks

without problems and seamlessly become part of global supply chains. In achieving this, we will provide concrete and tangible contributions to flagship initiatives on both sides: Make in India and the Digital Single Market in Europe.

In this sense, I am glad to extend my best wishes for a successful workshop and to wish you productive and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you very much for your attention!

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[4] Between the Commission (DG CONNECT) and the Department of Electronics and IT and the Department of Telecommunications.