

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**to establish the Association of Communications and Telecommunications Regulators**  
**of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries**  
**(ARCT - CPLP)**

The National Regulatory Authorities (NRA) for communications and telecommunications of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe and East Timor, Instituto Angolano das Comunicações (INACOM), Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL), Agência Nacional das Comunicações (ANAC), Instituto das Comunicações da Guiné-Bissau (ICGB), Instituto Nacional das Comunicações de Moçambique (INCM), Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM), Autoridade Geral de Regulação (AGER) and Autoridade Reguladora das Comunicações (ARCOM), East Timor respectively,

1. Aiming to strenght the historical bonds of friendship and cooperation between Portuguese speaking States from the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), trough their National Regulatory Authorities (NRA);
2. Considering the Constitutive Declaration of CPLP from 17 July 1996, wich lays down as an objective of the Community the development of economic and business cooperation between its members and the enhancement of the specific characteristics, trough the definition and implementation of projects of common interest, exploring in that sense the different ways of bilateral, trilateral and multilateral cooperation;
3. Considering the Statutes of CPLP, from 17 July 1996, which provide in article 3 –Objectives - the cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, legal, technical and scientific fields;
4. Taking into account the importance of the cooperation to the improvement of the communications markets, allowing users to obtain the maximum benefit as far as choice, price and quality are concerned;
5. Taking into account the regulatory and technological evolution evidenced by this sector of the economic activity, facing the challenges brought from the liberalization and the increasing opening-up of national markets;
6. Wishing to establish a permanent forum to exchange information and share experiences in the scope of the communications sector regulation, thereby supporting the creation of an institutional and regulatory environment that helps to reinforce the cooperation sector already developed at CPLP and encourages innovation and development of the communications sector in the concerned countries;
7. Agreeing on the establishment of the Communications and Telecommunications Regulators of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries Association (ARCT-CPLP), according to the statues of the association attached hereto.

Signed in Lisbon, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2008, by the representatives of the regulators of the CPLP countries that join this Memorandum:

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