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This goal, while not arising directly from the Community framework and national legislation, is enshrined in the Strategic Plan of ICP-ANACOM, constituting an objective running through all the objectives detailed throughout the present report.

Key in this section was the work which ICP-ANACOM undertook in promoting a better understanding of the

activities it pursues, as well as to support the development of actions of other regulators / entities present in the market for electronic communications and postal services. Note is also made in this section of the role played by ICP-ANACOM regarding institutional cooperation, with particular attention to the work on analysis of competition and restrictive practices and in areas of technical standardization

● ● 7.1 Institutional cooperation

7.1.1 AdC - Autoridade da Concorrência (Competition Authority)

In 2009, ICP-ANACOM set out its position with regard to certain concentration operations performed by companies (especially PTC/RETI - Rede Teledifusora Independente, S.A., and Ongoing/Vertix/MC) and issued opinions on the draft final decisions of AdC on restrictive practices of competition.

7.1.2 IPQ - Instituto Português de Qualidade (Portuguese Quality Institute)

The Sector Standardisation Body (ICP-ANACOM SSB) works on the basis of a protocol developed with IPQ as the National Standardisation Body and encompasses telecommunications, the postal activity and electromagnetic compatibility; in addition to two new national technical committees set up in 2009, ICP-ANACOM SSB promotes the functioning of two other committees, CTE 210 on Electromagnetic Compatibility and CTE 46 on Cables, wires and waveguides for telecommunications equipment. All of these national technical committees act as a mirror of the activity carried out by the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) in the areas described and include the participation of experts representing national industry and ICP-ANACOM.

The activity of ICP-ANACOM SSB is conducted around the process of preparing technical standards, including international standards, stemming from the work of international standardization bodies.

Two new national technical committees were set up in 2009: CTE 209 on Cable networks for television signals,

sound signals and interactive services and CTE 215 on Aspects of electrical telecommunications equipment. The standardization activity of these two new technical committees is particularly important given the increasing importance of optical fibre networks both inside and outside of buildings.

7.1.3 Other entities

In 2009, ICP-ANACOM signed a number of protocols, including the following:

- Protocol between ICP-ANACOM and INAC - Instituto Nacional de Aviação Civil (National Civil Aviation Institute), to clarify the procedures to be followed by the two authorities for the process of frequency allocation for aeronautical radio services and establishing procedures to be followed with respect to issues involving the management of frequencies and resulting from the exercise of technical representation of the Portuguese State in civil aviation organizations;
- Protocol between ICP-ANACOM and UMIC - Unidade de Missão Inovação e Conhecimento (Knowledge Society Agency) under the Safer Internet project.

In the context of the security of communications, note is made of this Authority's participation in the Conselho Gestor do Sistema de Certificação Electrónica do Estado (Managing Council of the Electronic Certification System of the State), in the context of the digital signature scheme, and participation in FALSEC - Comissão de Facilitação e Segurança (Facilitation and Security Committee).

● ● 7.2 Technical cooperation

In advising the Government and in the fulfilment of other responsibilities, ICP-ANACOM worked actively in the dissemination of national regulatory models with respect to other markets, including CPLP Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries and the Mediterranean and South America

These actions were carried out bilaterally with several NRA counterparts - in isolation or in an integrated manner through the completion of Annual Cooperation Plans - or through an effective collaboration with the ITU in the supply of trainers

for the ITU Centre of Excellence (CoE) for African Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries, or even by the active participation of ICP-ANACOM in the activities of regional associations of regulators (e.g. CPLP-ARCTEL - Associação de Reguladores de Comunicações e Telecomunicações da CPLP (Association of Communications and Telecommunications Regulators of the CPLP), Regulatel - Fórum Latino-americano das Entidades Reguladoras de Telecomunicações (Latin-American Forum of Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities) and the European Mediterranean Regulators Group (EMERG).