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Dear Ministers of the Telecoms Council,

We strongly urge you to adopt an ambitious position on the Telecoms Single Market. Both with regard to ending roaming charges and with regard to net neutrality. Without a strong Telecoms Single Market, the much needed Digital Single Market can not flourish.

The European Parliament urged an end to roaming charges by the end of this year (2015). We consider proposed delays by 3 years (2018), or a suggestion to allow for 5 MB without charges per day, to lack ambition. Such outcomes will undoubtedly seriously disappoint citizens. The gap between ending roaming charges, and 5 MB per day is immeasurably large.

Similarly, weakened proposals on net neutrality go against the European Parliament's repeated calls for clear definitions. We must ensure consumers are protected, innovative start-ups can develop and competition on the open internet is fair.

We call on you to adopt proposals that put an end to roaming charges as soon as possible, and to have clearly defined net neutrality rules for Europe. Your decisions are of vital importance not only for the Telecoms Single Market, but also for the Digital Single Market. We have no time to lose in building future proof single markets for telecoms and the digital economy.

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