



**Joint Response  
of APSCC, ESOA and GVF  
to the Consultation Paper  
issued by the  
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on**

**Uplinking and Downlinking of Television Channels in India (No. 16/2017)**

The Asia-Pacific Satellite Communications Council (APSCC), the EMEA Satellite Operators' Association (ESOA), and the Global VSAT Forum (GVF) welcome the opportunity to provide responses to the Consultation Paper issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Uplinking and Downlinking of Television Channels in India (the “**Consultation**”).<sup>1</sup>

APSCC is a non-profit international association representing all sectors of satellite and/or space-related industries, including private and public companies, government ministries and agencies, and academic and research entities. The overall objective of APSCC is to promote communications and broadcasting via satellite as well as outer space activities in the Asia-Pacific for the socioeconomic and cultural welfare of the region.<sup>2</sup>

ESOA is the world's only CEO-driven satellite association, and leads a coordinated and impactful response to the global challenges and opportunities the commercial satellite communications sector faces. Established as a non-profit organization, ESOA has as its objective to promote the common interests of satellite operators. Today ESOA represents the interests of EMEA satellite operators who deliver information communication services across the globe.<sup>3</sup>

GVF serves as the unified voice of the global satellite communications industry. It brings together organizations engaged in the delivery of advanced broadband and narrowband satellite services to consumers, and commercial and government enterprises worldwide. The broad-based membership represents every sector of the satellite industry, including fixed and mobile operators, satellite network operators, teleports, satellite earth station manufacturers, system integrators, value added and enhanced service providers, telecom carriers, law firm, consultant and users.<sup>4</sup>

APSCC, ESOA and GVF note that CASBAA, an Association which includes satellite operators as well as Indian and foreign broadcasters, have already made detailed, specific comments in response to the Consultation. We endorse and support those comments, specifically those made in relation to the satellite industry. We would therefore like this joint statement of support to be considered in line with CASBAA's more detailed submission.

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<sup>1</sup> Consultation Paper No. 16/2017, dated 19 December 2017.

<sup>2</sup> More information on APSCC can be found at [www.apsc.or.kr](http://www.apsc.or.kr).

<sup>3</sup> More information on ESOA can be found at [www.esoa.net](http://www.esoa.net).

<sup>4</sup> More information on GVF can be found at [www.gvf.org](http://www.gvf.org).