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**Subject: POLICY DIRECTIVE UNDER SECTION 8(2) OF THE PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION (RE-ORGANIZATION) ACT 1996 FOR SPECTRUM AUCTION FOR NEXT GENERATION MOBILE SERVICES IN PAKISTAN**

The Mobile Cellular Policy, 2004, laid down the principle of auctioning spectrum for the introduction of 3G (Third Generation) services in Pakistan. The auction could not materialize at that time as the industry requested that market was not ready for introduction of 3G while at the same time requisite frequency was not available as it was being used by other national entities for different purposes. As soon as the requisite frequency was made available and positive indications came from the market, the Ministry of IT issued policy directive to PTA for the Introduction of Third Generation Mobile Services in Pakistan on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. However, the auction could not materialize. It may be noted that the directive was issued under special circumstances when the moratorium on new licensing was in place. In the meanwhile, the technological advancements around the globe and the expiry of moratorium on future licensing in March 2013 necessitated review of policy directive issued in 2011.

2. The Prime Minister constituted an Advisory Committee to review the policy directive issued in 2011 (Annex-I). The Committee, after thorough deliberations, submitted its recommendations to the Prime Minister of Pakistan for approval.

3. After approval of the Competent Authority, the Federal Government in exercise of its powers conferred by the Section 8(2) of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act 1996 (Amended 2006), is pleased to issue the following directive for compliance of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority:

- (i). Transparent, competitive auction be conducted for spectrum allocation for deployment of next generation mobile networks. The allocation will

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