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Dear Mike

**INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION OF BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES
AND CROWN DEPENDENCIES**

You wrote on 31 January to seek Ofcom's formal agreement to extend the arrangements for international representation to the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and British overseas territories. As you recognise, we have been undertaking this role on a good will basis since vesting in December 2003.

The Ofcom Board has now considered its position and I am pleased to confirm that Ofcom can agree in principle to this request. The precise scope of the arrangement, which we understand would be limited to representation in the International Telecommunication Union, will need to be worked out in detail and we welcome your suggestion of developing an MoU between DTI and Ofcom. Ofcom would wish that MoU to address the funding arrangements (especially for satellite network filings). We would also need to discuss the means by which the risks of Ofcom's exposure to costs resulting from litigation could be minimised.

We look forward to working with your officials to take this forward. The contact in Ofcom for this purpose is Mike Goddard, Director Spectrum and International Policy (mike.goddard@ofcom.org.uk tel: 020 7783 4317).

Yours ever



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