

<u>International Interconnection forum for services over IP</u> (i3 Forum)

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> I3Forum Restricted Internal Compliance Charter (Release 1.0) April 2012

1 Introduction

<u>Preamble</u>

As communications carriers, the members of the i3 forum have the obligation to their owners and customers to protect their services and their customers against abuse and other illegal activities.

This Charter outlines the standards of conduct that members of the i3 forum Fraud WS have agreed to adopt in order to promote ethical conduct and to work in compliance with antitrust legislations in all activities of the Fraud WS.

Principles

All representatives of members of the i3 forum Fraud WS are under the obligations to conduct all business dealings connected to the i3 Forum in accordance with applicable antitrust legislation and to read and follow this Charter. It is also necessary that each member representative of the i3 forum demonstrates the highest degree of professional and ethical standards.

Although the scope and content of antitrust legislation may vary from region to region, different types of behaviour will be prohibited in all activities conducted by the i3 Forum Fraud WS, including:

- Discussions or agreements between competitors which purpose is to share markets,
- Fix prices or otherwise affect competition (cartel agreements)
- Sharing of strategic information enabling competitors to coordinate their market behaviour in a way impacting competition.
- Seek to abuse a dominant position.
- Boycott or blacklist other operators.

I3 forum Fraud Work stream Chairperson shall conduct meetings and discussion relative to the policies and decisions connected to the i3 Forum activities on the principles outlined in this Compliance Charter.

In the frame of the i3 Forum Fraud WS activities, the I3 forum members shall subscribe to, and exercise, the principles listed herein as a part of their normal procedures in dealing with fraud control and security management for the interests of members of the telecommunications industry, in general.

- 1. All member activities shall be consistent with applicable laws and government regulations.
- 2. All members shall be afforded equal rights and privileges within the i3F Fraud WS organization.
- 3. Each member shall endeavour to respect and protect the rights and privileges of all other members.
- 4. Sensitive information provided by members in accordance with the antitrust rules shall be treated with strict confidentiality and only for the purpose agreed upon.
- 5. Members are encouraged to disseminate non-sensitive information, within the i3 Forum Fraud WS, that may be beneficial to other members.
- 6. Requests for assistance from fellow members shall be given priority treatment, unless company procedure and/or policies require otherwise.
- 7. No member shall share competitively sensitive information and if such event shall occur, members shall make attempts to not share the information within or with other companies, in accordance with



the antitrust rules, given such information may be used to gain commercial advantage over any other member.

<u>SUMMARY</u>

The purpose of this Charter is to protect the sensitivity of information, members' rights, responsibilities and professionalism, individual and collective needs of the members, and the impact of the i3 forum on the international communications industry.