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## **M.9963 – Iliad S.A. / Play Communications S.A.**

### **SECTION 1.2**

#### **Description of the concentration**

On 21 September 2020, the European Commission received notification of the acquisition of sole control by Iliad S.A. over Play Communications S.A.

Iliad S.A., is the France-based holding company of Iliad, which is ultimately controlled by Mr. Xavier Niel, a French citizen. In France, Iliad offers fixed and mobile communication services, fixed internet services and TV services. In Italy, Iliad offers mobile communication services. Mr. Xavier Niel ultimately controls other companies active in particular in the following sectors: telecoms, media, technologies, start-up businesses and real estate. In the sector of telecommunications, Xavier Niel's group is mainly active in Ireland (as a provider of fixed and mobile communication services, fixed internet services and TV services), Malta (as a provider of fixed and mobile communication services) and Cyprus (as a provider of fixed and mobile communication services, fixed internet services and TV services).

Play Communications S.A. is the Luxembourg-based holding company of P4, which is headquartered in Poland and provides mainly retail mobile and fixed telephony services and fixed internet access services in Poland.

On 21 September, Iliad S.A. launched a tender offer on 100% of the share capital of Play Communications S.A. and has a binding agreement with its two reference shareholders to secure the acquisition of a controlling stake of around 40 % in Play Communications S.A., which will give Iliad the majority of seats on Play Communications S.A.'s Board of Directors. The transaction constitutes a concentration within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.