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Regarding the future negotiations on roaming charges

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Domestic roaming is usually free. Unfortunately, international roaming usually involves being charged data roaming fees that can get very costly when you go outside of your mobile operator's coverage area.

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The Danish European Affairs Committee and the Business, Growth and Export Committee calls upon all relevant parties to work for a removal of all barriers for users of mobile networks when travelling within the Union.

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The Committees recognises that a considerable reduction of retail prices across calls, text messages and data roaming has been achieved. However, there is a need to reduce roaming charges even further. This is required if an actual telecommunication market is to exist.

Operators need clarity and legal certainty to ensure the necessary investments. There is, however, a need to increase the competitive pressure. The present situation is unfortunately an impediment for lower consumer prices.

A common, harmonised approach would ensure that users do not pay excessive prices for roaming services. The Committees are convinced that closing the gap between roaming and national tariffs should be realised as soon as possible.

Prices throughout Europe should be open, transparent and competitive. We see an urgent need to speed up a revision of the rules in order to gradually eliminate roaming costs.

The Committees hope that these remarks will be taken into account in the future negotiations.

On behalf of the majority of the Danish European Affairs Committee and the Business, Growth and Export Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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