

**MEMORANDUM ON MEASURES CONCERNING REDUCING OF
ROAMING TARIFFS BETWEEN
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND FINLAND**

The meeting between the ministers Mr Igor O. Shchegolev and Ms Suvi Lindén was held in Helsinki on 15-16 March 2011. Also representatives of Russian and Finnish telecom operators (MTS, Vimpelcom, MegaFon, Rostelecom, Elisa, TeliaSonera and DNA) participated in the meeting. One of the main issues in the discussions concerned international roaming tariffs.

All participants expressed their will to promote the benefits of users.

The following conclusions were made in the meeting:

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND FINLAND agreed on the following policy objectives in the field of communications:

The current level of roaming tariffs is of major concern for both parties.

Roaming tariffs should be at a level which allows citizens' access to information and enables use of electronic services also while travelling in their neighbouring countries.

Both parties will actively promote the realisation of the objective as set above at bilateral, European and ITU level. In this respect both parties will co-operate in the context of the reform of ITU regulations.

The Finnish party supports the dialogue between the Russian Federation and the European Commission which aims at reducing the level of wholesale roaming tariffs.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF RUSSIAN AND FINNISH TELECOM OPERATORS agreed on the following pricing principles:

The level of wholesale roaming tariffs between Russian and Finnish operators should be decreased.

The operators will continue bilateral negotiations with each other on confidential bilateral basis with the objective to make certain agreements on new tariffs and dates when they will be effective. Negotiations should be concluded not later than 1 May 2011. The operators will inform their regulators on the results of the negotiations.

