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The Information and Communication Technologies Authority, in the exercise of its statutory functions under the Information and Communication Technologies Act 2001 (“the Act”), as amended, hereby issues this Decision pursuant to sections 17(3),18(1)(f) and 18(1)(g) of the Act. This Decision shall come into force with immediate effect.

“The Information and Communication Technologies Authority,

considering

- a) that following the liberalisation of the telecommunication sector, it took over the administration of the National Numbering Plan, in pursuance of its statutory function;
- b) that in line with its competition-driven numbering policy, it engaged into the re-engineering of the existing National Numbering Plan to make it consonant with the multi-operator and multi-service Information and Communication Technologies environment;
- c) that stakeholders and the public at large have been extensively consulted regarding the numbering change;
- d) that several benefits have been highlighted during the consultations for carrying out the migration towards the 8-digits numbering plan in the following two phases:-
 - migration of non-geographic E.164 telephone numbers assigned for mobile networks from seven to eight digits in the first phase, followed by;
 - migration of fixed geographic E.164 telephone numbers as well as non-geographic special service and toll free numbers from seven to eight digits accordingly in the second phase.

DECIDES

- 1) that the migration to 8-digit Numbering Plan shall be carried out in two-phases;
- 2) that the implementation of the first phase shall involve the migration of non-geographic E.164 telephone numbers assigned to mobile networks from seven to eight digits;
- 3) that the implementation of the second phase shall involve the migration of fixed geographic E.164 telephone numbers as well as non-geographic special service and toll free numbers from seven to eight digits;
- 4) that the Authority may issue further decisions and directives as and when required with a view to implementing and consolidating the decisions contained herein;
- 5) that a steering committee composed of stakeholders from the ICT sector shall be appointed with the objective of overseeing the migration to 8-digits;
- 6) that sub-committees to the steering committee shall also be created to deliberate and advise on technical, financial and public relations issues that may arise during the migration.