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Minister of Telecommunications of Lebanon in Cyprus, to agree on principles of cooperation to enhance connectivity between Middle East and Europe through the EUROPA and ALEXANDROS submarine cable systems

**Nicosia, 13 February 2012:**

His Excellency the Minister of Telecommunications of Lebanon Nicolas Sehnaoui, accompanied by officials of the Lebanese Ministry of Telecommunications (LMoT) have visited Cyprus as formal guests of the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority (Cyta). The two sides have agreed on the principles of cooperation for the EUROPA system construction project, a new high-capacity submarine cable between Cyprus and Lebanon, and on the principles for the provision by Cyta to LMoT of a share of transmission capacity on Cyta's ALEXANDROS cable subsystem, with landings in Cyprus, Egypt and France.

The EUROPA system will be in a position to enhance and gradually replace the existing CADMOS cable system, also connecting Lebanon and Cyprus, thus providing a high-quality alternative route. At the same time the EUROPA system will form a bridge between the IMEWE cable system landing in Lebanon and ALEXANDROS cable subsystem landing in Cyprus. The new resilient cable route will provide connectivity to European destinations and beyond, enhancing connectivity between the Middle East and Europe.

The agreement between LMoT and Cyta strengthens the traditional relations between Cyta and LMoT and establishes a new basis for their strategic co-operation in jointly offering a protected high capacity route in the Mediterranean, thus assuring their role as major regional telecommunications hubs. At the same time, the EUROPA system will provide for reciprocal business opportunities to access new markets, particularly as the economic importance of Asia gains momentum in the coming years. The Minister of Telecommunications of Lebanon also had meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Communications and Works, for issues concerning telecommunications and technology.

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