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Stability Anticipated in the Mobile Telephone Market

The Authority is very pleased that over the past few weeks the three current mobile telephone service providers, AT&T Wireless, Cable & Wireless and Digicel, have been able to resolve a number of outstanding issues. These include final agreement on mobile termination rates, i.e. the rates that companies pay each other for terminating calls on each other's networks. This negotiated settlement of an issue that had previously been submitted to the Authority for its resolution is an important milestone in the development of the ICT market that should lead to more stable prices for the consumer.

As part of this overall initiative, Cable & Wireless has introduced restructured postpaid mobile service plans that are more closely tailored to their customers' usage patterns. The Authority has determined that there currently is no requirement for Cable & Wireless to submit an imputation test in respect of these rates. Furthermore no complaints of anti-competitive conduct have been filed with the Authority. The Authority has also determined that all its previous directives to Cable & Wireless concerning its mobile services have either been satisfied or are no longer relevant.

The Authority therefore looks forward to a stable, yet highly competitive period in the mobile market that it believes will be welcomed by both the general public and operators.