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**CNOC APPLAUDS THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS PROPOSED DIRECTION TO THE CRTC TO  
PROMOTE COMPETITION, AFFORDABILITY, CONSUMER INTERESTS, AND INNOVATION**

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*Toronto, ON* – Canadian Network Operators Consortium Inc. (Cnoc) applauds the government and the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada for taking leadership to provide Canadians with greater affordability and innovation in telecom services.

Today, it was announced that ISED has issued a new proposed policy direction to the CRTC aimed at promoting competition, affordability, consumer interests, and innovation. The policy direction, as set out, will provide Canadian consumers with increased choice and greater affordability by bolstering the competitive market for both wireless and wireline services.

Cnoc has consistently advocated for fair access to the wholesale wireline and wireless services of the large telephone, cable, and national wireless carriers. This access is critical to enable competitors to provide Canadians with the breadth of options they demand when they shop for telecommunication services.

“Cnoc is strongly in support of the proposed policy direction. The announcement of a new policy direction sets out an important path to ensuring that all Canadians have access to innovative and affordable telecommunications services. We are grateful for Minister Bain’s continued leadership to advance the interests of Canadians and competition in the telecommunication market,” said Matt Stein, Cnoc’s Chair and CEO of Distributel.

**About Cnoc**

Cnoc is comprised of over 30 competitive telecommunications providers that operate wireline and/or wireless networks in many regions of Canada. Cnoc’s mission is to increase the level of competitive choice and innovation in the delivery of communications services to Canadians.

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