## Subject: Notice for Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on SSR Review (Post Section 3.2) of Draft for Comments (DFC) – Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR) for "IP Router V2.0.0" | 8th July 2025, 11:00 hrs IST

Dear Stakeholders.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885), the Central Government amended the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951 to insert Rule 528 to 537 in Part XI under the heading Testing & Certification of Telegraph. The new rules provide that every telecom equipment must undergo prior mandatory testing and certification.

- **2.** Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) came out with Procedure for Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecommunication Equipment (MTCTE) in December 2017. The MTCTE document outlines the procedure to operationalise the new Rules.
- 3. The testing and certification described in the MTCTE procedure document requires that the equipment meets the Essential Requirements (ER). Security Requirement is part of ER for which the equipment must be tested and certified against. The responsibility for framing Security requirements and for Security testing and certification lies with National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS), a centre under Department of Telecommunications headquartered at Bengaluru.
- **4.** Security Assurance Standards (SAS) vertical under NCCS is responsible for drafting and finalizing ITSARs for communication equipment. The draft for Comments IP Router V2.0.0 ITSAR is published on NCCS website on 31.12.2024. Comments/inputs were sought from the stakeholders.
- 5. To discuss upon the comments/inputs/feedback received form the stakeholders on IP Router V2.0.0 DFC ITSAR two online meetings were held on 26.06.2025 and on 27.06.2025 for discussion with the stakeholders (TSPs, M2M service providers, Application service providers, Device manufacturers, OEMs, prospective labs, industry bodies, and academia) to deliberate upon the Draft ITSAR for *IP Router V2.0.0*. The comments received from stakeholders were the basis for discussion
- **6.** During the last two meetings held on 26.06.2025 and 27.06.2025, discussions progressed up to Section 3.2 of the SSR.
- 7. To continue with the remaining sections of the SSR for IP Router V2.0.0 DFC, an online meeting is scheduled for 8th July 2025 at 11:00hrs IST.
- **8.** The details of the online meeting and registration link are as follows:
  - Date of meeting: 8th July 2025 at 11:00hrs IST
  - Meeting link: Room Name: Stakeholder consultation NCCS.
  - Join CDOTmeet at: https://cdotmeet.cdot.in/vmeet/rooms/mou-cad-lse-sjk/join

Stakeholders are hereby requested to participate in the above meeting & give their suggestions/comments/inputs.

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