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Dear Mr Castelletti,

I confirm that the Network Manager accepts to take an active and central role in the coordination of the implementation of 8.33 kHz voice channel spacing capability below FL195 by:

- monitoring and steering the implementation of 8.33 kHz VCS channels on both ground and air;
- providing a central coordination and information function on the granted exemptions and derogations under the specific provisions of the Regulation;
- building and providing awareness raising and implementation support capabilities, notably as regards the VCS IR implementation status.

As proposed, the Network Manager has already started considering the necessary steps, including the planning of needed resources, to ensure that the identified tasks for a successful implementation of 8.33kHz below FL 195 are performed in an effective manner and by the target dates.

These will be included in the 2016 work plan and budget, allowing for the outcome of NMB and SSC response to your proposal.

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The Network Manager intends to report regularly on progress of the implementation to EC and NMB, to ensure that both opportunities and risks are addressed timely.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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