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Re.: Fair-use policy – Our letter of 26 November 2015
Your reply of 13 January 2016

Dear Commissioner,

With reference to our previous written exchanges on the so-called "fair-use policy", which aims to prevent abusive or anomalous usage of roaming services, we once again would like to draw your attention to the situation of the inhabitants of border regions, crossing borders day in, day out for work, education, commerce and leisure.

Following recent statements made by the CEO of Proximus, Belgium's largest telecommunications company, mobile operators would be entitled under the currently prepared faire-use policy, to limit free roaming services to 45–60 days per year. As highlighted in our letter of 26 November 2015, cross-border commuters in border regions use roaming services on a daily basis. Should the fair-use policy indeed foresee a number of days limit, the inhabitants of border regions – such as the 1.7 million Schengen residents, crossing borders for work every day – would *de facto* be penalized by not being able to fully profit from the end of roaming charges.

We therefore reiterate our request to the Commission, to make sure that the inhabitants of border regions and the regular cross-border commuters are not disadvantaged, and that their case will be considered in the definition of the fair-use policy.

Yours sincerely,

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