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*Dear Colleague*

I take this opportunity to write to you to explore the possibility of finding a mutual suitable point in time to discuss various telecom issues, including roaming tariffs, with you and your administration. I would very much welcome an opportunity to explore the potential for strengthening future cooperation between our two countries in this area.

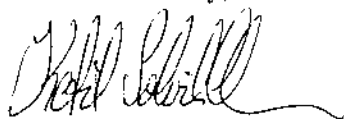
We live in a highly digitalized society. People, commerce and society are becoming increasingly dependent on having access to secure and high-speed electronic communications networks. People expect to be online everywhere and at all times, also when traveling.

Today high roaming tariffs are effectively limiting people's use of their mobile phones, computers or tablets when traveling abroad. High roaming tariffs have been on the agenda of both ITU (International Telecommunication Union) and the European Union for several years, and initiatives for lowering these tariffs have been taken, i.e. the newly adopted regulation on inter alia roaming tariffs in the EU.

Due to the increasing importance of being connected and the number of people traveling between US and Norway, I would appreciate if we could discuss how our two nations could benefit from an increased cooperation on roaming-related issues with the aim to look into how we could lower roaming tariffs.

I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kjetil Solvik-Olsen', with a long, sweeping underline.

Kjetil Solvik-Olsen

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