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GOVERNATORATE OF THE VATICAN CITY STATE – TELECOM ITALIA: AGREEMENT TO INSTALL NEW INTEGRATED FIBRE-OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Three-year contract to equip the Vatican City State with modern IP network infrastructure for the transmission of the latest generation of VoIP services, data and multimedia applications

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The Governatorate of the Vatican City State today signed an agreement with Telecom Italia to supply a modern integrated fibre-optic communications infrastructure for the transmission of the latest generation of telephone, data and video services within Holy See and Vatican City State territory.

The new “Full IP” fibre-optic network structure, which will extend over more than 400km, offers high-speed connections starting at 10 Gigabits/second between the Holy See and ten extraterritorial Vatican sites in and around Rome.

This new centralized communications platform is replacing the Holy See's current infrastructure. In addition to ensuring all traditional functions, it will offer access to innovative services at the quality standards of the new generation networks.

Under the terms of the agreement, Telecom Italia will also supply an operations centre from which the Governatorate of the Vatican City State's Telecommunications Unit administers the infrastructure.

Telecom Italia won a call for tenders issued by the Governatorate of the Vatican City State for a three-year contract (renewable every year over the following five years) to provide design, installation and configuration services. Telecom Italia will also carry out testing of all technology platforms and provide technical training, help desk and maintenance services.

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