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CHAIRMAN KENNARD TO MEET WITH EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS TO SHARE EXPERIENCES, PROMOTE GLOBAL REGULATORY CERTAINTY

Washington, DC – William E. Kennard, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is leaving tomorrow for Naples, Italy, where he will meet with telecommunications regulators from 18 European countries, including the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Spain and Italy, to discuss issues of common interest.

"At a time when companies are becoming global and international mergers are becoming more frequent, "Chairman Kennard said, "regulatory certainty is critical for U.S. companies doing business abroad. There must be consistency in regulatory approach in all countries for American businesses to thrive. This trip will help us reach that goal."

"I look forward to meeting with so many of my European counterparts to exchange ideas on opening up our telecommunications markets, fostering competition and eliminating the digital divide."