

# FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE

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### **THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE (IFT) AND THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE POWER WILL COORDINATE TO HANDLE THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION (*TELEVISIÓN DIGITAL TERRESTRE*, TDT)**

- The bidding of digital decoders and antennas for the Second Pilot Program of TV analogical outage was cancelled due to force majeure situations
- The Federal Executive Power will implement a work program to fully comply with the policy and conclude the transition to DTT by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015
- The IFT will fulfill its mandate of protecting the public broadcasting service, as well as achieve the effective management of the spectrum

The Telecommunication Constitutional Reforms have redefined the way in which authorities must promote the project to increase Digital Terrestrial Television penetration in the country and cancel open TV analog signal broadcasting in Mexico.

In this regard, the Powers of the Union are compelled to promote as much as possible the implementation of reception and decoding equipment for the transition to the Digital Terrestrial Television.

The same constitutional mandate establishes the Federal Executive Power shall elaborate a work plan to fully comply with the DTT transition policy, including the necessary budgetary resources.

As for the IFT, shall implement the necessary actions to contribute to the objectives and goals set by the National Development Plan and other programmatic tools related to the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors.

Therefore, the Technical Committee of the Telecommunication Social Coverage Fund ( in Spanish: FONCOS) decided to cancel the resources that would have been used to bid the visit, delivery and installation of digital decoders and dishes in Monterrey, Nuevo Laredo, Matamoros, Reynosa and Ciudad Juarez, corresponding to the Second Pilot Program of the analog outage.

The decision of FONCOS Committee draws on the fact that the IFT is a constitutional independent body, which is not part of the Powers of the Union; therefore, the Federal Executive Power will be in charge of defining the necessary program and budgetary resources to comply with the policy to complete the DTT transition on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Regarding the above, it is deemed necessary to cancel the bidding process implemented by the former Federal Commission of Telecommunications (*Comisión Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, COFETEL) resulted in force majeure provided by the Law of Acquisitions, Leases and Services of the Public Sector.

IFT will fulfill its mandate of protecting the public broadcasting service, as well as achieve the effective management of the spectrum in coordination with the Federal Executive to comply with provisions provided for in the Constitution.