

Digital Terrestrial Television in Mexico

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Background

- ✓ DTV Policiy was established on 7/2/2004
- The switch-off date was established on 9/2/2010



 ✓ Cofetel reviewed the DTV Policy in 5/4/2012 with a progressive schedule for switch-off



 ✓ Tijuana switched-off on 7/18/2013

 A pilot program based on STBs and antennas took place; penetration grew from 3% to 93% with an investment of 19 MUSD



On **6/11/2013** the <u>Reform on Telecommunications</u> was established

Telecommunications Reform on Broadcasting



Fostering competition thru multiple axes



Government Roles for the Telecommunications Reform

Branches of the Government

Executive branch: Deployment of specific Telecoms and DTV projects

Legislative branch: Laws and resources for the Reform

Judicial branch: Specialized courts; no suspension on IFTs resolutions

Federal Telecommunications Institute (*IFT*)

- Constitutional body
- Regulatory authority
- Budget Autonomy
- Competition Law Enforcement Powers

IFT's objective

Efficient Development of Broadcasting & Telecoms

<u>Constitutional mandate:</u> The government will grant conditions for effective competition



Other relevant issues for DTV



Multicasting Congress will establish critieria for IFT's authorizations



Broadcasting services IFT will determine if the continuity of this public service is achieved



Penetration SCT will implement a support program Congress may adjust switch-off criteria



Public media and social licensees DTV services require specific efforts and innovative formulas



CONCLUSION



Mexico's switch-off date is 31/12/2015



IFT is focused on increasing competition and establishing the conditions for the continuity of the broadcasting service to the public



Congress is developing a new convergent law, including issues such as multicasting, convergent services and licensing, among others



The Excecutive Power is directed towards increasing DTV penetration, including specfic projects leaded by SCT



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