Group Policy - Human Rights
POLICY – HUMAN RIGHTS

The Group Policy - Human Rights sets out Telia Company’s commitments to respect and support Human Rights and outlines fundamental principles to be implemented in our operations. We expect all Telia Company employees to follow this policy and consistently apply its standards in all business dealings. We will strive to fully adopt these principles in all operations in which Telia Company has management control. We will endeavor to engage proactively with business partners, governments and other stakeholders to uphold the highest standards of human rights throughout the value chain.

The Human Rights Policy reflects the responsibility of Telia Company to respect human rights, as set down in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and other international standards such as the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. As signatories to the UN Global Compact, Telia Company has committed to respect and promote human rights and to make sure it is not complicit in human rights abuses.

The Human Rights Policy is based on internationally-recognized human rights outlined in the following documents: International Bill of Human Rights (consisting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the main instruments through which it has been codified: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights), the principles concerning fundamental rights in the eight ILO core conventions as set out in the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and, where applicable, additional standards relating to the rights of specific groups and populations. When a conflict arises between domestic regulations and these international laws, Telia will always strive to meet the higher standard.

Commitment and expectations

While governments bear the ultimate duty to protect human rights, Telia Company recognizes its responsibility to respect and support human rights in all its business areas and operations. Telia Company also endeavors to find opportunities to engage and use our leverage in our business relationships to proactively support human rights in all communities where we operate.

Telia Company will strive to avoid complicity in human rights abuse and violations and will seek to provide for or cooperate in their remediation. We strive to promote and ensure channels for transparent and open communication where all internal and external stakeholders can raise concerns without fear of retaliation or reprisal and to provide fair investigation and grievance mechanisms.

Telia Company supports its employees and partners in understanding Human Rights through communication and training.

We commit to conducting human rights due diligence process in order to identify and manage human rights risks and opportunities in our business operations.
Telia Company will commit to respect all human rights in scope of the international standards outlined above, however, for the purpose of this policy, we will focus on human rights that are at risk of the most severe negative impact and the most relevant to our industry and business operations, as supported by Human Rights Impact Assessments (HRIA) carried out in Telia Company, namely: Anti-Bribery and Corruption, Children’s Rights, Customer Privacy, Diversity and Anti-discrimination, Freedom of Expression and Surveillance Privacy, Gender Equality and Labor Rights.

**Children’s rights**

Telia Company commits to recognize, respect and support children’s rights, based on the UN Global Compact Children’s Rights and Business Principles. We employ zero tolerance towards child labor, abuse and exploitation throughout our operations and value chain and seek to ensure adequate remediation insofar as such maltreatment is discovered. As a telecommunications company, we recognize our obligation to protect children by volunteering blocking access for our customers to material defined by law enforcement to contain child sexual abuse material.

As a telecommunications company, we recognize our obligation to empower children and their parents and caretakers according to children’s rights, as they are set forth in the Global Compact Children’s Rights and Business Principles. We also recognize our obligation to protect children from harm and hence do our utmost to advance our processes and employees to be able to secure this obligation of ours through various tailor-made monitoring mechanisms.

**Other policy commitments**

Telia Company’s commitments to Anti-Bribery and Corruption, Customer Privacy, Diversity and Anti-discrimination, Freedom of Expression and Surveillance Privacy, Gender Equality and Labour Rights are outlined in detail in the following policies:

- Group Policy - Anti-Bribery and Corruption
- Group Policy - Customer Privacy
- Group Policy - Freedom of Expression and Surveillance Privacy
- Group Policy - People
- Group Policy - Procurement

These principles apply to the extent that they do not place Telia Company in violation of domestic laws and regulations.

Please note that there is a Group Instruction on Human Rights Grievance Mechanism connected to this Group Policy.

**BREACHES AGAINST THE POLICY - SPEAK-UP LINE**

Any Telia Company employee who suspects violations of this Group Policy must speak up and raise the issue to their line manager, to the Ethics and Compliance Office, or through the Speak-Up
PURPOSE

The purpose of the Human Rights Policy is to outline Telia Company's commitment to respect and support Human Rights of all people affected by our business throughout societies where we operate. The policy sets out Telia Company's endeavor to engage proactively with business partners, governments and other stakeholders to uphold the highest standards of human rights throughout the value chain.

SCOPE

This Group Policy relates to Human Rights and applies to Telia Company AB, its Subsidiaries and Joint Operations (jointly “Telia Company”) as their own binding policy. Telia Company also works towards making sure that the Group Policy's principles are followed in all other operations in which Telia Company has an ownership interest.

This Group Policy is part of Telia Company’s Group Governance Framework, which includes:

a) Code of Responsible Business Conduct, Purpose & Values, Strategic framework, Group Policies, and Instructions for the CEO, as approved by the Board;

b) Decisions made by the CEO, and Group Instructions and the Delegations of Obligations and Authority as approved by the CEO; and

c) Group Instructions as approved by the responsible Head of Group Function or Head of Group Department.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President and Vice President reporting to the CEO of Telia Company is responsible for ensuring that this Group Policy is duly communicated and implemented, and that the employees within his/her area of responsibility are familiar with and follow this Group Policy.

All Telia Company employees are individually responsible for reading, understanding and following this Group Policy.

Violations against the Group Policy can lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

EXEMPTIONS

If any Telia Company Subsidiary would like to adopt a corresponding Group Policy with exemptions from this Group Policy, the relevant country CEO shall inform the applicable Head of Region, who shall escalate the matter to the Group General Counsel.

1 Once formally adopted by the local board of directors, if required.