Guidelines for remuneration to Group Executive Management

The Board of Directors proposes that the annual general meeting 2020 resolves on the following guidelines for remuneration to Group Executive Management. Group Executive Management is defined as the president and the other members of the management team who report directly to the CEO. The guidelines shall be in force until new guidelines are adopted by the general meeting and valid for a maximum of four years. A successful implementation of the guidelines will ensure that the Company can attract and retain the best people, enabling the Company to execute its business strategies and serve the Company’s long-term interests, including its sustainability goals. These guidelines do not apply to any remuneration decided or approved by the general meeting. The proposed guidelines will be effective at the time of the annual general meeting decision.

Total reward approach
Remuneration to Group Executive Management should be built on a total reward approach and be market relevant, but not leading. The remuneration guidelines should enable international hiring and should support diversity within Group Executive Management. The market comparison should be made against a set of peer group companies with comparable sizes, industries and complexity. The total reward approach should consist of fixed salary, pension benefits, conditions for notice and severance pay as well as other benefits. The Company does not offer any variable remuneration to Group Executive Management.

For employments governed by rules other than Swedish, pension benefits and other benefits may be duly adjusted for compliance with mandatory rules or established local practice, taking into account, to the extent possible, the overall purpose of these guidelines.

Fixed salary
The fixed salary of a Group Executive Management member should be based on competence, responsibility and performance. The Company uses an international evaluation system in order to evaluate the scope and responsibility of the position. Market benchmark is conducted on a regular basis. The individual performance is monitored and used as a basis for annual reviews of fixed salaries. These are reviewed in relation to fulfilment of annual pre-defined goals (including financial, employee and sustainability-based).

Salary and employment conditions for employees
In the preparation of the Board of Directors’ proposal for these remuneration guidelines, salary and employment conditions for employees of the Company have been taken into account. This is done by including information on the employees’ total income, the components of the remuneration and increase and growth rate over time, in the Remuneration Committee’s and the Board of Directors’ basis for decision when evaluating if these guidelines and their limitations are reasonable. The Remuneration Committee regularly consults with the CEO and Head of People & Brand to be mindful of employee pay, conditions and engagement across the broader employee population.

Pension
Pension and retirement benefits should be based on a defined contribution model, which means that a premium is paid amounting to a certain percentage of the individual’s annual salary, unless legal requirements and/or collective agreements state differently. When deciding the size of the premium the level of total remuneration should be considered. The level of contribution should be benchmarked and may vary due to the composition of fixed salary and pension. The retirement age is normally 65 years of age but can vary based on regulatory requirements. The pension premiums for defined contribution pension shall amount to not more than 40 percent of the fixed annual cash salary.

1 For more information regarding the Company’s business strategy, please see https://www.teliacompany.com/en/about-the-company/strategy/
Other benefits
The Company provides other benefits and programs in accordance with market practice which may change from time to time. A Group Executive Management member may be entitled to a company car, health and care provisions, etc. Premiums and other costs relating to such benefits may amount to not more than 10 percent of the fixed annual cash salary.

Internationally hired Group Executive Management members and those who are asked to move to another country can be offered mobility related benefits for a limited period of time. Such benefits may not in total exceed 25 percent of the fixed annual cash salary.

Notice of termination and severance pay
The termination period for a Group Executive Management member may be up to six (6) months (twelve (12) months for the President) when given by the employee and up to twelve (12) months when given by the Company. In case the termination is given by the Company the individual may be entitled to a severance payment. Fixed cash salary during the notice period and severance pay may together not exceed an amount equivalent to the fixed cash salary for two years.

Severance pay shall not constitute a basis for calculation of vacation pay or pension benefits. Remuneration during termination period and severance pay will also be reduced if the individual will be entitled to pay from a new employment or if the individual will be conducting own business during the termination period or the severance period.

Additionally, remuneration may be paid for non-compete undertakings. Such remuneration shall compensate for loss of income and shall only be paid in so far as the previously employed executive is not entitled to severance pay. The remuneration shall be based on the fixed cash salary at the time of termination of employment, amount to not more than 60 percent of the monthly income at the time of termination of employment and be paid during the time the non-compete undertaking applies, however not for more than 12 months following termination of employment.

The decision-making process to determine, review and implementation of the guidelines
The Board of Directors has established a Remuneration Committee. The committee’s task includes preparing the Board of Director’s decision to propose guidelines for executive remuneration. Proposal for new guidelines shall be prepared at least every fourth year and submitted the general meeting. The guidelines shall be in force until new guidelines are adopted by the general meeting. The Remuneration Committee shall also monitor the application of the guidelines for executive remuneration as well as the current remuneration structures and compensation levels in the Company.

Remuneration is managed through well-defined processes ensuring that no individual is involved in the decision-making process related to their own remuneration.

The CEO’s total remuneration package is decided by the Board of Directors based on the recommendation of its Remuneration Committee within the confine of the guidelines. Total remuneration packages to other members of Group Executive Management are approved by the Remuneration Committee, based on the CEO’s recommendation.

Deviation from the guidelines
The Board of Directors may temporarily resolve to deviate from the guidelines, in whole or in part, if there in an individual case are special reasons where a deviation is necessary in order to serve the Company’s long-term interests, including its sustainability, or to ensure the Company’s financial viability. As set out above, the Remuneration Committee’s tasks include preparing the Board of Directors’ resolutions in the remuneration-related matters. This includes any resolution to deviate from the guidelines.