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Dear Mr Moshweunyane

Submission on the draft National Radio Frequency Plan (NRFP) 2025- Correction of Errors Related to the 3800-4200 MHz Band (GG No.52449, 4 April 2025).

1. MultiChoice appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Draft National Radio Frequency Plan 2025, (draft NRFP) published in Government Gazette No.52449 on 4 April 2025.
2. We also commend ICASA for undertaking this important revision to ensure alignment with international spectrum allocations and national priorities.
3. Following our detailed review of the document, we wish to raise a concern regarding what is contained in relation to the 3800-4200 MHz frequency band, particularly the way this band is reflected across Columns 1 to 4 on page 157 of the draft plan. Our concern is that the frequency band 3800-4200 MHz is not consistently reflected across Columns 1 to 4 on this page.
4. Although this is most likely a simple oversight, we believe it could create confusion and lead to regulatory uncertainty.
5. Given the outcomes of WRC-23, which reaffirmed the global and regional status of this band, especially for Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) downlink, we submit that ICASA's current draft NRFP-2025 must be amended to correctly and accurately reflect the outcome of WRC-23.

6. We therefore request that ICASA clearly reflect this range in all relevant columns on page 157, in line with the WRC-23 outcomes and ITU Region 1 allocations. This will assist in supporting the continued protection of vital services operating here.
7. We appreciate your consideration of this submission and remain available to provide further input and / or participate in follow-up engagements.

Yours Faithfully



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