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MCA CEO Mr. Jesmond Bugeja Appointed to ITU Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience

The Malta Communications Authority (MCA) is pleased to announce that its CEO, Mr. Jesmond Bugeja, has been selected to serve on the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) newly established <u>Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience</u>.

This advisory body was formed to address the increasing need for secure and reliable submarine cable systems, which facilitate the vast majority of global communications and data transfer. These undersea cables are integral to the world's digital economy, enabling international connectivity and supporting essential services like finance, e-commerce, and cloud computing.

The ITU Advisory Body is tasked with developing strategies to enhance the resilience of submarine cables, including safeguarding against physical and cybersecurity threats, improving recovery capabilities, and fostering global cooperation among stakeholders.

Mr. Bugeja's appointment reflects his expertise and Malta's proactive role in promoting resilience within the telecommunications sector. His participation in this distinguished group emphasizes the importance of global collaboration in protecting this critical infrastructure. It strengthens Malta's role in ensuring more secure and global digital networks, which directly impacts local businesses, international trade, and everyday services such as banking and e-commerce.

In response to his appointment, Mr. Bugeja remarked, "This opportunity allows us to work collaboratively on ensuring the resilience of submarine cables, a crucial element in the global digital landscape. I am committed to contributing to this significant initiative alongside international experts."

The MCA congratulates Mr. Bugeja on this recognition and expresses its confidence in his ability to positively impact this international effort.

About the Malta Communications Authority

The MCA is Malta's regulatory authority for electronic communications, eCommerce, and postal services, dedicated to fostering innovation, sustainability, and connectivity for all.