

# Annex 1

## The IT Law Observatory

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### *Kjell Skoglund*

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### *Joachim Benno*

Director of Regulatory Affairs at Telenor Plus, has been a member of the IT Law Observatory since 1996. He has been working with ICT-related legal issues since the end of the 1980s and functioned as Principal Secretary to the Swedish Committee on Media Convergence (1997-1999). He is the author of "Consumer Purchases through Telecommunications in Europe - Application of Private International Law to Cross-Border Contractual Disputes", CompLex 4/93 (Oslo: Tano, 1993), "Ytringsfrihet - en konstitusjonell utfordring?" (Fredrikstad: Institutt for Journalistikk, 1994) and the IT Law Observatory report 6/98, "The "anonymisation" of the transaction and its impact on legal problems - A theory as to why the use of ICT engenders legal problems". Areas of interest: Convergence, E-commerce, freedom of expression and information, telecoms, media etc.

### *Viveca Bergstedt Sten*

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*Per Furberg*

Having worked within different Governmental committees from 1988 to 1997 with the task to consider IT-related legal issues in different areas, e.g., civil law, procedural law, criminal law, and administrative law, Per Furberg was appointed District Court Judge in Gothenburg in November 1997. Today, he works at the law firm Setterwalls with IT related issues. Per Furberg has been a member of various international working groups. e.g., the OECD Group of Experts on Guidelines for the Security of Information Systems, the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Problems of Criminal Procedural Law Connected with Information Technology, and the Council Of Europe Committee of Experts on Crime in Cyberspace. He has further been Consulting Expert regarding IT related issues in various projects sponsored by the European Commission. Per Furberg joined the Observatory in 1996.

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