Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4953 — Sony Ericsson/Motorola/UIQ)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2007/C 279/05)

1. On 14 November 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1) by which the undertakings Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB (‘Sony Ericsson’, Sweden), jointly controlled by Sony Corporation and Ericsson, and Motorola Inc. (‘Motorola’, USA) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking UI Holdings B.V. (‘UI Holdings’, the Netherlands), currently controlled by Sony Ericsson, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— for undertaking Sony Ericsson: development, production and marketing of mobile telephones, data devices and related accessories,
— for undertaking Motorola: wireless and broadband communications technologies, including the development, production and marketing of speech-based mobile devices,
— for undertaking UI Holdings: development of mobile phone user interfaces and application frameworks through its subsidiary UIQ Technology.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (2) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4953 — Sony Ericsson/Motorola/UIQ, to the following address:

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(2) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.