# REPORT ON FULFILMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

\\The Board of Directors of MTS PISC hereby declares that the corporate governance principles of the Corporate Governance Code recommended by the Bank of Russia¹ (hereinafter referred to as the Code) are followed by the Company, with the exception of certain principles and recommendations of the Code specified in the Appendix to this Statement.

\\This report on keeping the principles and recommendations of the Code by MTS PJSC was considered by the Board of Directors of MTS PJSC at the meeting on May 21, 2020, Minutes No. 297.

\The Board of Directors confirms that the data provided in this report contain full and valid information on compliance of the company with the principles and recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code for 2019, as well as for the period after the reporting date before the approval of the Annual Report of MTS PJSC by the Board of Directors of MTS PJSC.<sup>2</sup>

Letter of the Bank of Russia dated April 10, 2014 No. 06-52/2463 "On the Corporate Governance Code".
The reporting year is specified, and if the report on compliance with the principles and recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code comprises data for the period that elapsed from the moment of reporting year completion and to the date of making this report, the date of making this report is specified.

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# BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MOST SUBSTANTIAL ASPECTS OF THE MODEL AND PRACTICE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN THE COMPANY

The system (model) of corporate governance of MTS PISC was built on the basis of the norms of the existing legislation of the Russian Federation, provisions of the Charter of the Company and principles recommended for use by the Corporate Governance Code, with account of the listing requirements of the Moscow Exchange and NYSE, and also takes into account the G2O corporate governance principles adopted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Description of most substantial aspects of the corporate governance model and practice is provided in the section "Corporate Governance" of the Annual Report of MTS PISC.

# DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY, WHICH THE JOINT STOCK COMPANY USED TO ASSESS COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE RECORDED BY THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Assessment of compliance with corporate governance principles recorded in the Code is implemented by the method of analysis and comparison of internal standards and procedures with recommendations of the Code.

# PLANNED (SUGGESTED) ACTIONS AND MEASURES OF THE JOINT STOCK COMPANY TO IMPROVE AND MODEL AND PRACTICE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In 2015 the President developed and approved the Roadmap for implementation of the Corporate Governance Code recommendations in MTS PISC (hereinafter referred to as the Roadmap). Roadmap actions were carried out in 2015–2018, which increased the number of performed recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code. In particular, following the results of 2018 the company implemented some actions, having achieved compliance with the recommendations of the Code, related to remuneration of directors, access to information before the general meeting of shareholders, and recording of rules and procedures related to fulfillment of corporate actions.

In 2020 MTS will concentrate on tracking and analyzing new international practices and trends in the field of corporate governance, as well as introducing practices that will help to increase the level of corporate governance in the company.

Detailed data on compliance with the principles of the Code as of the date of approval of the Annual Report of MTS PJSC by the Board of Directors of MTS PJSC, as well as on actions for further implementation of the Code recommendations is provided below in the Annex to this Application.

\\Appendix to the Statement of the Board of Directors of MTS PJSC on compliance with the principles and recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code recommended for use by the Bank of Russia

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The status "complied with" is only specified if the company meets all criteria of assessment of compliance with the corporate governance principle. Otherwise, the status "partially complied with" or "not complied with" is indicated.

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1.1.6	The procedure for holding a General Meeting established by the Company provides equal opportunity to all persons present at the meeting to speak their opinion and ask their questions	complied with  1. During General Meetings of shareholders in the reporting period in the form of a meeting (joint presence of shareholders), sufficient time was provided for reports on agenda items, as well as time for discussion of these questions.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
	of interest.	2. Candidates to the Company management and control bodies were available to answer questions from shareholders at the meeting, where their candidatures were put to a vote	complied with     partially complied with     not complied with	
		3. The Board of Directors, when making decisions related to the preparation and holding of General Meetings of shareholders, considered the question of using telecommunications facilities for the provision of remote access to shareholders for participation in the General Meetings in the reporting period.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
1.2	Shareholders were pro	vided equal and fair opportunit	y to participate in the pro	ofit of the Company by receiving dividends
1.2.1	The company developed and introduced a transparent and clear mechanism for determination of the dividend amount and their payment	complied with  1. The dividend policy in the Company was developed, approved by the Board of Directors and disclosed.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
		2. If the dividend policy of the Company uses the Company reporting indicators for determination of the dividend amount, then the appropriate provisions of the dividend policy shall take into account the consolidated indicators of the financial statements.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	

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#### 1.2.2 The Company does

not make a decision on the payment of dividends if such decision, formally not breaking the limitations established by the law, is economically unjustified and may result in the formation of false representations about the Company's husiness

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- 1. The dividend policy of the Company includes clear references to the financial/ economic circumstances, when the Company should not pay dividends.
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- 1. The Company's dividend policy does not contain clear indications of financial / economic circumstances under which the Company should not pay dividends, but includes a provision stating that the Company has no right to declare or pay declared dividends in cases stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation. The Company has been consistently paying dividends for the entire duration of its public history (MTC had IPO in the New York Stock Exchange in 2000), ensuring dividend income to shareholders at the level of global and regional telecom operators. Stable dividends are an important element of the Company's investment appeal. In 2014, MTS introduced its 3D strategy, according to which the payment of dividends is one of its key elements.

We do not rule out paying dividends out of retained profit from previous years, and therefore do not consider it possible to set, for example, a ban on the decision to pay dividends in the event that the net profit for the reporting year is below the amount recommended for payment of dividends for the fiscal year.

In accordance with the Dividend Policy, the Board of Directors of the Company takes into account the financial results of the Company's operations when determining the recommended amount of dividends. When determining the amount of dividends, the Board of Directors takes into account a number of additional factors, including prospects for revenue growth, capital expenditure requirements, funds received from general business, potential acquisition opportunities, and the state of the Company's debt obligations. The Company does not make a decision on payment of dividends, if such decision is economically unjustified and may result in the formation of false representations about the Company's business. The existing practices for dividend payment and the considerable attention paid to this issue by the Board of Directors provide a balanced approach and mitigate risks associated with not fully implementing the recommendation. At one of the meetings of the Corporate Governance Committee under the Board of Directors in 2018, the issue of partial compliance with this recommendation of the Code was considered.

It was noted that MTS PJSC does not comply with the recommendations on formal grounds only. With this being said, in our opinion, the Company complies with the Code's basic principle. At the next revision of the Dividend Policy, MTS PJSC plans to return to consideration of the possibility of a separate reference in the Dividend Policy to the fact that when determining the amount of dividend payments, the Board of Directors takes into account the indicators of the consolidated financial statements.

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1.2.3	The Company does	complied with		
	not allow a deterioration of the dividend rights of the existing shareholders.	1. In the reporting period, the Company did not commit any actions resulting in deterioration of the dividend rights of existing shareholders.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
1.2.4	The Company	complied with		
	strives to exclude the use of other methods of gaining profit (income) by the shareholders at the expense of the Company, apart from dividends and liquidation value.	1. In order to exclude other methods of gaining profit (income) by the shareholders at the expense of the Company, apart from dividends and liquidation value, the internal documents of the Company establish controls, which provide for timely detection and procedure of approval of transactions with persons affiliated (related) with major shareholders (persons entitled to dispose of voting rights of voting shares), in those cases, when the law formally	<ul> <li>complied with</li> <li>partially complied with</li> <li>not complied with</li> </ul>	
		does not recognize such transactions as transactions of interest.		
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2.1.4	The Board of Directors defines the Company policy on remuneration and (or) recovery of costs (compensations) to members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company	complied with  1. The Company developed and introduced the policy (policies) approved by the Board of Directors for remuneration and recovery of costs (compensations) of the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies of the company and other key management employees of the Company.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
		2. During the reporting period, at the meetings of the Board of Directors, issues related to the specified policy (policies) were considered.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
2.1.5	The Board of Directors plays a key role in prevention, detection and settlement of internal conflicts between the Company authorities, shareholders of the Company and employees of the company.	complied with  1. The Board of Directors plays a key role in the prevention, detection and settlement of internal conflicts.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
		2. The company created a system of identification of transactions related to a conflict of interest, and a system of actions aimed at the resolution of such conflicts	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
2.1.6	The Board	complied with		
	of Directors plays a key role in ensuring the transparency of the Company, timeliness and completeness of information disclosure by the company, unhindered access of shareholders to the Company documents.	1. The Board of Directors approved the Regulation on Information Policy.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
		2. There are individuals in the Company who are designated as being responsible for the implementation of the information policy.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
2.1.7	The Board of Directors	complied with		
	monitors the practice of corporate governance in the Company and plays a key role in the substantial corporate events of the Company	1. During the reporting period, the Board of Directors considered the issue on the practice of corporate governance in the Company.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	

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#### 2.4 The Board of Directors includes a sufficient number of independent directors

## 2.4.1 An independent director complied with is a person with sufficient 1. Within the reporting professionalism, experience and independence for the formation

of their own position, capable of producing objective and fair opinions independent on the influence of the executive bodies of the Company, separate groups of shareholders or other stakeholders. At the same time it should be taken into account that under regular conditions a candidate (elected member of the Board of Director) may not be recognized as independent, if they are related to the Company, its major shareholder

- period all independent members of the Board of Directors met all the criteria of independence specified in the recommendations 102-107 of the Code, or were recognized as independent by the decision of the Board of Directors.
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- O not complied with

# 2.4.2 Assessment

of compliance of the candidates to the members of the Board of Directors with the independence criteria is performed, and regular analysis is carried out for compliance of independent members of the Board of Directors with the independence criteria. During performance of such assessment the content shall prevail over the form.

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- 1. In the reporting period the Board of Directors (or the nomination committee of the Board of Directors) produced the opinion on independence of each candidate to the Board of Directors and provided the appropriate report to the shareholders.
- 2. During the reporting period, the Board of Directors (or the nomination committee of the Board of Directors) at least once considered independence of the existing members of the Board of Directors, which are specified by the Company in the annual report as the independent directors.
- 3. The Company developed procedures that determine the necessary actions of the member of the Board of Directors, if they stop being independent, including obligations on timely notification of the Board of Directors, accordingly.

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2.4.3	•	complied with		
	make up at least one third of the elected composition of the Board of Directors.	Independent directors     make up at least one     third of the composition     of the Board of Directors.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
2.4.4	Independent directors play a key role in prevention of internal conflicts in the Company and making substantial corporate actions by the Company.	complied with		
		1. Independent directors (with no conflict of interests) preliminarily assess the substantial corporate actions related to a potential conflict of interest, and results of this assessment are provided to the Board of Directors.	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	
2.5	The Chairman of the Bo	ard of Directors supports the r	most efficient implementa	tion of the functions laid upon the Board
2.5.1	The Chairman	partially complied with		
	of the Board of Directors is an independent director, or a senior independent director is decided from the elected independent directors, who coordinates the work of the independent directors and cooperates with the Chairman of the Board of Directors.	1. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is an independent director, or a senior independent director is defined among independent directors¹	<ul><li>complied with</li><li>partially complied with</li><li>not complied with</li></ul>	1. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is not an independent director, a senior independent director is not defined.  Today we do not see the real scope of duties of the Senior Independent Director, however, we do not rule out that in the future in case of any change to the Board of Directors (quantity, composition), such an appointment may be necessary.  When implementing the recommendations of the Code, we follow the position that each recommendation of the Code must be evaluated for its usefulness and applicability to the system of corporate governance of a specific company. In particular, 4 of 9 company directors are independent. There is good communication in the company, including between independent directors (in virtue of long-term period of entrance to the MTS Board of Directors), and furthermore, there is a democratic and open culture of interaction, including with the company management and key shareholders. Thus, MTS has no objective need for additional coordination of the independent directors by the Senior Independent Director.
		2. The role, rights and obligations of the Chairman of the Board of Directors (and, if applicable, the senior independent director) are properly defined in the internal documents of the Company.	<ul> <li>complied with</li> <li>partially complied with</li> <li>not complied with</li> </ul>	
2.5.2	The Chairman	complied with		
	of the Board of Directors ensures a constructive atmosphere for holding meetings, free discussion of the issues included in the meeting agenda, and control over performance of decisions made by the Board of Directors.	The efficiency of the work of the Chairman of the Board of Directors is assessed within the procedure of assessment of Board of Directors efficiency in the reporting period.	<ul> <li>complied with</li> <li>partially complied with</li> <li>not complied with</li> </ul>	
2.5.3	The Chairman	complied with		
	of the Board of Directors takes the necessary actions for timely provision of the information necessary to make decisions on the issues of the agenda to the members of the Board of Directors.	1. The obligation of the Chairman of the Board of Directors to take actions to provide for timely provision of materials to the members of the Board of Directors on the agenda issues of the meeting of the Board of Directors is recorded in the internal documents of the Company.	<ul> <li>complied with</li> <li>partially complied with</li> <li>not complied with</li> </ul>	

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2.6 Members of the Board of Directors act fairly and reasonably for the interests of the Company and its shareholders on the basis of sufficient awareness, with a sufficient degree of care and diligence.

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## 2.6.1 Members of the Board of Directors make decisions with account of all available information, in absence of conflict of interests, with account of equal attitude to shareholders of the Company, within regular entrepreneur risk.

# complied with

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- 1. Internal documents of the Company establish that the member of the Board of Directors must notify the Board of Directors, if they have a conflict of interest in respect to any issue of the agenda of the meeting of the Board of Directors or the committee of the Board of Directors, before discussion of the appropriate item of the agenda.
- 2. Internal documents of the Company provide that the member of the Board of Directors shall abstain from voting on any issue, where they have a conflict of interest.
- 3. In the Company there is a procedure, which makes it possible for the Board of Directors to receive professional consultations on issues related to its competences, at the expense of the Company.
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# 2.6.2 Rights and obligations of the members of the Board of Directors are clearly formulated and recorded in the internal documents of the Company.

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- 1. In the Company there is an internal document accepted and published, which defines the rights and obligations of the members of the Board of Directors
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# 2.6.3 Members of the Board of Directors have sufficient time to perform their obligations.

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- 1. Individual attendance of the meetings of the Board and the committees, as well as time allocated for preparation to participate in the meetings was taken into account within the procedure to assess the Board of Directors, in the reporting period
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- 2 In accordance with the internal documents of the company, the members of the Board of Directors must notify the Board of Directors about their intent to enter the management bodies of other organizations (apart from subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company), as well as on the fact of such appointment.
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Decisions on the most important issues of the Company's business shall be made at the meeting of the Board of Directors by the qualified majority or majority of votes of all elected members of the Board of Directors.

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- 1. The charter of the Company provides that the decisions on the most important issues specified in the recommendations 170 of the Code shall be made at the meeting of the Board of Directors by qualified majority, with at least three quarters of votes, or by the majority of votes of all elected members of the Board of Directors.
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- 1. The charter of the Company does not provide that the decisions on the issues specified in the Recommendation 170 of the Code shall be made at the meeting of the Board of Directors by qualified majority, with at least three quarters of votes, or by the majority of votes of all elected members of the Board of Directors. In accordance with the Charter, decisions on most issues related to the competences of the Board of Directors, are taken by simple majority (more than a half) of votes of the members of the Board of Directors attending the meeting). A small number of issues requires a unanimous decision by all members of the Board of Directors, except for retired members of the Board of Director. In practice the specified recommendation of the Code is complied with: in recent years more than 90% of the Board of Directors' meetings took place with 100% participation of the members of the Board of Directors. Therefore, in most cases the simple majority of votes of the Board of Directors members attending the meeting is comparable to majority of votes of all elected members of the Board of Directors After approval of the Code, the issue on implementation of the recommendation was considered by the members of the Corporate Governance Committee at the Board of Directors

with involvement of other members of the Board of Directors and the management. The Committee came to the conclusion on unreasonableness of introducing stricter procedures for decision making by the Board of Directors, including in connection with the fact that their implementation may negatively impact the urgency of decision

making.

Risks related to incomplete compliance with the recommendation are levelled out by traditionally high attendance of the Board of Directors' meetings by its members, and also decision making procedures adopted in the Company: decisions made by the Board of Directors are built on the consensus of all members of the Board of Directors, and key decisions are first elaborated by independent members of the Board of Directors within the framework of the committees' work. In connection with the above, the Company does not plan to achieve full compliance with this recommendation of the Code in this part. Additionally, the Company will continue monitoring compliance with such recommendation of the Code by the Russian issuers and evaluate the opportunity of its introduction in MTS PJSC (depending in changes happening in the field of the Russian corporate governance).

#### Corporate of compliance Status of compliance Explanations of the deviation from criteria governance with the corporate with the corporate of assessment of compliance with the corporate governance principle principles governance principle governance principle 2.8 The Board of Directors establishes the committees for preliminary consideration of the most important issues of the Company's business 2.8.1 complied with For preliminary consideration 1. The Board of Directors complied with of the issues established the Audit O partially complied with related to control Committee made exclusively O not complied with of the financial of independent directors. and economic activities 2. The internal documents o complied with of the Company, of the company O partially complied with the Audit Committee define the objectives O not complied with is established, of the Audit Committee, comprised including objectives contained of independent in the Recommendation 172 directors of the Code. 3. At least one member complied with of the Audit Committee being O partially complied with an independent director has O not complied with experience and knowledge in the field of preparation, analysis, assessment and audit of the accounting (financial) statements. 4. Meetings of the Audit o complied with Committee were held at least opartially complied with once per quarter during O not complied with the reporting period. 2.8.2 For preliminary complied with consideration 1. The Board of Directors complied with of the issues related established the Remuneration O partially complied with to formation of efficient Committee, which comprises O not complied with and transparent only independent directors. remuneration practice, o complied with 2. The Chairman the Remuneration of the Remuneration Committee O partially complied with Committee is an independent director, O not complied with is established, who is not the Chairman comprising independent of the Board of Directors. directors and headed 3. The internal documents o complied with by the independent of the company O partially complied with director, not being define the objectives O not complied with the Chairman of the Board of the Remuneration of Directors. Committee, including objectives contained in the Recommendation 180

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of the Code.

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# 2.8.3 For preliminary consideration of the issues related to HR planning (succession planning), professional composition and efficiency of work of the Board of Directors, the Nomination Committee (for

appointments, HR)

are independent

directors.

is established, majority

of the members of which

- with the corporate governance principle partially complied with 1. The Board of Directors established
- 1. The Board of Directors established the Nomination Committee (or its objectives specified in the Recommendation 186 of the Code, are implemented within a different committee<sup>1</sup>, the majority of the members of which are independent directors.
- complied withpartially complied withnot complied with
- 1. The objectives specified in Recommendation 186 of the Code are imposed upon the Appointments and Remuneration Committee.

- 2. Internal documents of the Company define the objectives of the Nomination Committee (or the appropriate committee with the combined functionality), including the objectives contained in the Recommendation 186 of the Code.
- complied withpartially complied with
- partially complied withnot complied with
- 2. Activities of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee are performed on the basis of the Committee Regulations. In accordance with the Regulations, the committee's functions include, inter alia, all objectives listed in Recommendation 186 of the Code, excluding Sub-Clause 8.

The objective to describe individual duties of directors and Chairman of the Board of Directors was not included into the list of functions of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee for two main reasons:

- > main duties of the members of the Board of Directors (including the Chairman of the Board of Directors) are clearly defined in the Regulations on the Board of Directors;
- > the composition of the Board of Directors is stable enough. Therefore, the circle of individual duties of each director has already been formed, and the Company believes that additional description of duties of the directors by the Appointments and Remuneration Committee will be of exclusively formal nature and would not be a catalyst for increased efficiency of the Board of Directors' work. Risks related to partial compliance with such recommendation, are levelled out by introduction of an Induction in the Company for newly elected members of the Board of Directors, which also contain description of duties of directors and Chairman of the Board of Directors. In connection with the above, the Corporate Governance Committee made a decision on unreasonableness of including the objective specified in Sub-Clause 8 of Recommendation 186 of the Code into the functions of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee. The Company does not plan to apply this objective to functions of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee. In connection with the above, the Company does not plan to achieve full compliance with this recommendation of the Code in this part.

If objectives of the Nomination Committee are implemented within a different committee, specify its name

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committees.

of the committees.



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#### 2.9 The Board of Directors provides for performance of assessment of the quality of Board of Directors' work, its committees and members of the Board of Directors

2.9.1 Performance of assessment of quality of Board of Directors' work is aimed at definition of degree of efficiency of Board of Directors', committees and members of the Board of Directors work, compliance of their work with the needs of the company development. activation of work of the Board of Directors and detection of areas. where their activity may be improved.

2.9.2 Assessment

and members

(consultant)

is employed

- complied with
- 1. Self-assessment or external assessment of work of the Board of Directors performed in the reporting period included assessment of the work of committees, separate members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors in general.
- o complied with O partially complied with O not complied with
- 2. Results of self-assessment or external assessment of the Board of Directors performed during the reporting period were considered at the in-person meeting of the Board of Directors.
- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

# partially complied with

- of work of the Board of Directors. Committees of the Board of Directors is realized on a regular basis at least once per year. For independent assessment of quality of work of the Board of Directors, at least once in three years an external organization
  - 1. To perform independent assessment of quality of work of the Board of Directors within the last three reporting periods, at least once the Company employed an external organization (consultant).
- o complied with o partially complied with
- onot complied with
- consultant to independently assess the Board of Directors' performance was not involved. However, in 2017, with the methodological support of the external consultant, the Company performed self-assessment of the Board of Directors performance. Within self-assessment, the certain external assessment tools were used. In particular, all members of the Board of Directors and some management willingly took part in individual interviews held by the independent consultant on the basis of the results of questionnaires. Furthermore, the independent consultant analyzed the internal documents of the Company. Therefore, the self-assessment procedure was brought as close as possible to the format of external assessment of the Board of Directors. Following the assessment procedure results, the Company obtained an independent opinion with recommendations, which were included into the Board of Directors work plan for 2018-2019. In 2018-2019, based on the results of the execution of the approved plan based on the results of the assessment conducted in 2017, the Company considered the possibility of conducting an external assessment of the Board of Directors, and taking into account that the assessment of the Board of Directors in 2017 practically corresponded to the external assessment procedure, as well as a large number requiring the implementation of measures based on the results of the assessment and the inclusion of new members in the Board of Directors, it was deemed inappropriate to conduct it in 2018. In 2019, the MTS Board of Directors decided to conduct an independent external assessment with an external organization. At the time of preparation of the report, the Company is in the process of conducting an independent assessment.

1. Within three last reporting periods, the external

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3.1 The corporate secretary of the Company performs effective current interaction with the shareholders, coordinates actions of the Company for protection of rights and interests of shareholders, supports effective work of the Board of Directors.

- 3.1.1 The corporate secretary has knowledge, experience and qualification. sufficient for performance of its obligations, stellar reputation and enjoys confidence of shareholders.
- complied with 1. The corporate secretary has knowledge, experience and qualification, sufficient for performance of its obligations, stellar reputation and enjoys confidence of shareholders
- complied with opartially complied with O not complied with
- 2. On the website of the Company on the internet and in the annual report there is biographic information available on the corporate secretary, with the same level of detail as for the members of the Board of Directors and executive management of the company.
- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

3.1.2 The corporate secretary has sufficient independence of the executive bodies of the Company and has the necessary powers and resources to perform its

objectives.

- complied with
- 1. The Board of Directors approves appointment, dismissal and additional remuneration of the corporate secretary.
- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with
- The level of remuneration paid by the Company is sufficient to engage, motivate and retain people that have the necessary competences and qualification for the Company. Payment of remuneration to the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees of the company shall be carried out in accordance with the remuneration policy accepted in the Company.
- 4.1.1 The level of remuneration complied with

provided by the Company to the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees creates sufficient motivation for their efficient work. making it possible for the Company to employ and retain competent and qualified experts. At the same time the Company avoids higher remuneration than necessary, as well as unjustified high gap between levels of remuneration of the specified persons and employees of the Company.

- 1. There is an internal document (documents) accepted in the Company a policy (policies) on remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees, which clearly defines the approaches to the remuneration
- o complied with
- O partially complied with O not complied with

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#### 4.1.2 The Company complied with

remuneration policy is developed by the Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Board of Directors, with the support of the Remuneration Committee provides for monitoring of implementation and execution of the remuneration policy in the Company, and if necessary revises and corrects it.

1. During the reporting period the Remuneration Committee considered the remuneration policy (policies) and practice of its (their) introduction, and if required, the necessary recommendations to the Board of Directors.

- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

4.1.3 The remuneration policy of the Company comprises transparent mechanisms for determination of the remuneration amount of the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company, and also regulates all types of payments, benefits and privileges provided to the specified persons.

# complied with

- 1. The remuneration policy (policies) of the Company comprises (comprise) transparent mechanisms for determination of the remuneration amount of the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company, and also regulates (regulate) all types of payments, benefits and privileges provided to the specified persons.
- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

# 4.1.4

The Company determines the policy for recovery of expenses (compensations) that details the list of expenses subject to recovery, and the level of service that the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company may claim for. Such a policy may be a component of the Company's remuneration policy.

# complied with

- 1. The remuneration policy (policies) or other internal documents of the Company establish the rules for recovery of the expenses of the members of the Board of Directors, executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company.
- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

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#### 4.2 The remuneration system of the members of the Board of Directors provides for approach of financial interests of directors with long-term financial interests of shareholders.

4.2.1 The Company pays fixed complied with annual remuneration to the members of the Board of Directors. The Company does not pay remuneration for participation in individual meetings of the Board or committees of the Board of Directors. The Company does not use forms of short-term motivation and additional material stimulation in respect to the members of the Board

- 1. Fixed annual remuneration was the only monetary form of remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors for work in the Board of Directors during the reporting
- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with
- In April 2018 at the joint meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee and Remuneration and Nomination Committee, it was decided to modify the directors' remuneration system to achieve compliance with the requirements of the Corporate Governance Code. In June 2018 the decision of the General Meeting of Shareholders made corresponding changes to the Regulations on Remunerations and Compensations, paid to the members of the Board of Directors, which excluded the bonus for the work per year, depending on current parameters of company operations, and provide a payment of shares instead aimed at long-term stimulation of directors.

# 4.2.2 Long-term ownership

of Directors

of the Company shares to the largest extent promotes approach of financial interests of the members of the Board of Directors and long-term interests of the shareholders. At the same time. the Company does not provide for the rights to sell the shares by achievement of certain indicators of activities, and the members of the Board of Directors do not participate in option programs.

# complied with

- 1. If the internal document (documents) - remuneration policy (policies) of the Company - provides for provision of the Company shares to the members of the Board of Directors, clear rules of shares ownership by the members of the Board of Directors aimed at stimulation of long-term ownership of such shares must be provided for and disclosed.
- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

# 4.2.3 The Company does not provide for any additional payments or compensation in case of early termination of powers of the members of the Board of Directors in connection with transfer of control

over the Company or other circumstances.

# complied with

- 1. The Company does not provide for any additional payments or compensation in case of early termination of powers of the members of the Board of Directors in connection with transfer of control over the Company or other circumstances.
- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with



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- 4.3 The system of remuneration of the members of executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company provides for the dependence of remuneration on the result of operation of the Company and their personal contribution to achievement of this result.
- 4.3.1 Remuneration of the members of the executive bodies and other key management employees of the company is determined so that reasonable and justified ratio is provided between the fixed part of remuneration and the variable part of remuneration depending on the results of Company operation and personal (individual) contribution of the employee to the final result.

# complied with

- 1. During the reporting period, the annual indicators of efficiency approved by the Board of Directors were used to determine amount of variable remuneration of the members of the executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company.
- 2. During the last completed assessment of the remuneration system of the executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company, the Board of Directors (Remuneration Committee) verified that the Company uses effective ratio of the fixed part of remuneration and variable part of remuneration.
- bodies and other key of the Company.

- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with
- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

- 3. The company provides for the procedure providing for return of bonus payments to the Company, which were illegally received by the members of executive management employees
- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

introduced a program of long-term motivation of the members of the executive bodies and other key management employees of the company using shares in the Company (options or other derivative financial instruments.

the basic asset

in the Company).

for which is the shares

4.3.2 The Company

# complied with

- 1. The Company introduced a program of long-term motivation of the members of the executive bodies and other key management employees of the Company using shares in the Company (financial instruments based on the Company shares).
- 2. The program of long-term motivation of the members of executive bodies and other key management employees of the company provides for the fact that the right to sell shares and other financial instruments used in this program arises not earlier than in three years from the moment of their provision. At the same time, the right

for their sale is provided through the achievement of certain indicators of the Company activities.

- complied with
- O partially complied with
- onot complied with
- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

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by the Company.

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6.1.2 The Company discloses information on the system and practice of corporate governance, including detailed information on compliance with the principles and recommendations of the Code.

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## partially complied with

- 1. The Company discloses information about the corporate governance system in the company and general principles of corporate governance, used in the Company, including those on the website
- of the Company on the internet. 2. The Company discloses information on the composition of executive bodies and the Board of Directors, independent members of the Board and their membership

in the committees of the Board of Directors (in accordance with the definition of the Code).

3. If there is a person that controls the Company, the Company publishes a memorandum of the controlling entity in respect to the plans of such entity in respect to the corporate governance in the Company.

- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- onot complied with
- o complied with
- o partially complied with
- O not complied with
- The Company did not publish o complied with
- partially complied with O not complied with
- the memorandum of the controlling entity in respect to its plans as regards the Company in connection with the fact that such memorandum was not adopted by the controlling entity.

The controlling shareholder of the Company (Sistema PJSFC, hereinafter also referred to as "Corporation"), promptly provides public access to information about all of its plans in respect to the Company with the help of various information disclosure channels (annual report, notices of substantial facts, press releases, etc.), following the principles of protection of the confidential information and rights of shareholders of the Company.

Furthermore, on the website of Sistema PJSFC there is the Corporate Governance Code published.1 The Corporate Governance Code of Sistema PJSFC declares the aspiration of the Corporation to ensure compliance with regulations and requirements of the existing legislation, and also best standards of corporate governance in practice of its subsidiaries and affiliates. Besides, the code contains information on principles of building relations in Sistema PJSFC Group of Companies. In accordance with the Code, the main objective of the Corporation in respect to subsidiaries and affiliates (portfolio companies), shall be proclaimed assistance to their comprehensive development for the purposes of their cost increase. Furthermore, when making management decisions, the Corporation takes into account interests of all shareholders, investors, main consumers of subsidiaries' products, and also other stakeholders, including state authorities and employees of portfolio companies.

In connection with the above, use of an additional tool of information disclosure (controlling entity's memorandum) for disclosure of the public information is unreasonable. Risks of failure to comply with the recommendation are levelled out by the timely and high-quality disclosure of all material information of the Corporation.

MTS has no data on plans of Sistema PJSFC on acceptance of the specified memorandum. If the controlling entity accepts the memorandum recommended by the Code, it will be published by the Company.2

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#### 6.2 promptly discloses full, relevant and valid information about the Company to ensure the possibility to make justified decisions by the Company shareholders and investors

## 6.2.1 The Company discloses information in compliance with the principles of regularity, consistence and efficiency, as well as availability, validity, completeness and comparability of disclosed data.

# 1. The information policy approaches and criteria for definition of information capable of significantly

of the Company determines influencing the assessment of the Company and cost of its securities and procedures providing for timely disclosure of such information.

- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with
- 2. If securities of the Company circulate in the foreign organized markets, disclosure of substantial information in the Russian Federation and in such markets is done synchronously and equivalently during the reporting period.
- complied with
- O partially complied with onot complied with
- 3. If foreign shareholders own a substantial quantity of Company shares, then during the reporting year disclosure of information was done not only in Russian, but also in one of the most common foreign languages
- complied with O partially complied with O not complied with

# 6.2.2 The Company avoids

formal approach in disclosure of information and discloses substantial information about its activities. even if disclosure of such information is not provided for by the law.

# complied with

- 1. During the reporting period the Company disclosed annual and semi-annual financial reporting prepared in accordance with the IFRS standards. The annual report of the Company for the reporting period includes annual financial reporting made according to the IFRS standards jointly with the auditor's report.
- complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with
- 2. The Company discloses full information on the structure of the company capital in accordance with the Recommendation 290 of the Code in the annual report and on the website of the Company on the internet.
- o complied with
- O partially complied with
- O not complied with

 $http://www.sistema.ru/fileadmin/user\_upload/corporate\_documents/kodeks\_korporativnogo\_upravlenija.pdf. and the state of the state of$ Due to the fact that the formal complying with the recommendations of the Code depends on a controlling entity, and not on MTS PISC, the company has no information on whether inconsistency with the provisions of the Code temporary and whether the controlling shareholder had intention to achieve Code compliance in the future. However, the company will continue to monitor compliance with this Code provision by Russian issuers and initiate consideration of the issue by the corporate governance Committee, if the practice will change

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# and no hardship

- 6.3.1 The Company provides information and documents for requests of shareholders in accordance with the principles of fairness and no hardship.
- partially complied with
- 1. The information policy of the Company determines the unhindered procedure of provision of access to information to shareholders, including information on controlled legal entities of the Company, at the request of shareholders.
- o complied with
- o partially complied with O not complied with
- In 2019, the information policy of the Company did not include the shareholders' right for access to information on controlled legal entities of the Company.

Besides, the shareholders received sufficient information to exercise their rights.

The Company and its business are fully transparent for shareholders, investors and other stakeholders. All information to be disclosed shall be regularly published on the Company's website. Additionally MTS provides public access to separate types of information recommended for disclosure by the Code.

Besides, the information policy provides for various methods and forms of information provision (including internet conferences, meetings, telephone negotiations and other contacts with professional participants of the market and shareholders, it is possible to visit Company offices). Therefore, the Company provides considerable volume of information about itself and its business in accordance with principles of equal and unhindered access. In connection with it, shareholders' exercise of the right for access to documents and information of the Company in practice is not coupled with unjustified difficulties. MTS information policy is a top-level document containing the basic principles adhered by MTS for disclosing material non-public information. In this regard, we have disclosed (on our website on the internet) the procedure for providing shareholders with access to information on legal entities controlled by the Company at the request of shareholders.

of the independent directors of the Company.

Criteria of assessment

#### Corporate of compliance Status of compliance Explanations of the deviation from criteria with the corporate of assessment of compliance with the corporate governance with the corporate governance principle principles governance principle governance principle 71.3 When making complied with substantial corporate 1. The charter of the Company complied with actions, which with account of the features O partially complied with affect the rights of its activities establishes O not complied with and legal interests lower minimum criteria to refer of the shareholders, the Company transactions equal conditions to the substantial corporate are provided actions compared to the law. for all shareholders 2. During the reporting period complied with of the Company, all substantial corporate opartially complied with and if the mechanisms actions were approved before O not complied with specified by the law their realization. and aimed at protection of the shareholders' rights are insufficient, additional measures are taken to protect rights and legal interest of the Company shareholders. At the same time the Company not only complies with the formal requirements of the law, but also the principles of corporate governance specified in the Code. 7.2 The company provides for such procedure of making substantial corporate actions, which makes it possible for the shareholders to promptly obtain full information on such actions, makes it possible for them to influence making such actions and guarantees compliance and adequate level of protection of their rights during commitment of such actions Information on making complied with substantial corporate 1. During the reporting period o complied with actions is disclosed the Company promptly O partially complied with with explanation and in detail disclosed onot complied with of reasons, conditions information on substantial and effects of making corporate actions such actions.. of the Company, including grounds and timing for making such actions. 7.2.2 Rules and procedures complied with related to realization 1. Internal documents o complied with In 2018 changes were made to the Regulations of substantial corporate of the Company provide O partially complied with on the Board of Directors of MTS PJSC aimed actions by the company for the procedure of employment O not complied with at formalization of the procedure to employ are recorded of an independent appraiser an appraiser in some cases when making in the internal documents to define the cost of property substantial transactions. of the Company. alienated or purchased within a major transaction or a transaction of interest. 2. Internal documents complied with of the Company provide opartially complied with for the procedure onot complied with of employing an independent appraiser to assess the cost of purchase and redemption of the Company shares. 3. Internal documents o complied with of the Company provide O partially complied with for the extended list O not complied with of grounds, under which the members of the Board of Directors of the Company and other persons specified by law are recognized as interested in the Company

transactions.