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**Global Challenges to Spectrum Access – Civil/Military Spectrum**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Access to the radio spectrum leads to major financial benefits for national economies. In order to facilitate rapid access to spectrum, increase flexibility and release value, commercial spectrum in the UK is increasingly subject to market forces. However many spectrum allocations, for example for defence, and radars in the aeronautical and maritime sectors, have remained unchanged for many years, even decades. Following an independent review, the UK is embarking of a policy of extending the application of market forces to public sector spectrum. The presentation outlines the UK's approach and the plans for implementation.