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### **UK Children's Charities welcome EU code on mobile phone safety**

Britain's largest child welfare organisations today [Feb 6 2007] welcomed the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Brussels by Commissioner Viviane Reding and the CEOs of many of Europe's largest mobile phone networks.

Speaking in London (John Carr, Children's Charities Internet Safety Coalition) said:

"We welcome this very positive move by the mobile phone industry to help both parents and children to stay safe when using mobile phones.

"The mobile phone is an important feature of young people's lives and it is becoming a key way in which children and young people access the Internet. Parental supervision of children's access to the Internet is difficult and in the mobile environment becomes even harder.

"This agreement brings together all the big mobile phone operators. It will help make children and young people safer when they are using mobile phones as it includes agreement by the big companies about the need to provide education to consumers, appropriately classify content and about controlling access to inappropriate content."

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