Google Press Conference Opening Remarks of Federal Trade Commission Chairman Jon Leibowitz As Prepared for Delivery January

commitment to stop the most problematic business practices relating to its search and search advertising business.

On the patent issue, by a 4-1 vote, a bipartisan majority of the Commission orders Google to stop seeking to exclude competitors using essential patents that Motorola, which Google later purchased, had first promised, but then refused, to license on fair and reasonable terms. These essential patents and others like them are the cornerstone of the system of interoperability standards that ensure that wireless internet devices and mobile phones can talk to one another. Over half of American consumers own and use one of these devices ó including iPhones, Android phones, and Xboxes. Tqfc{øu"cevkqp"d{"vjg" Commission ensures that competition continues to work for the benefit of American patents in the future. Vqfc{øu"ncpf o ctm"gphqteg o gpv"cevkqp will set a template for resolution of SEP licensing disputes across many industries, and builds on more than 15 years of work at the FTC ó from patent reports to workshops to enforcement actions like this one ó aimed at protecting the integrity of the patent system.

Tofc{øu"cevkqp" o cmgu"clear that commitments to make patents available on reasonable terms matter, and that companies cannot make those commitments when it suits them ó that is, to have their patents included in a standard and then behave opportunistically later, once the standard is in place and those relying on it are vulnerable to extortion. Vqfc{øu"Eqo o kuukqp"cevkqp"will also relieve companies of some of the costly and inefficient burden of hoarding patents for purely defensive purposes, savings that we hope can be invested in job-creating research and development.

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applying our statute faithfully to the unique circumstances of each case, with appropriate vigor and with appropriate restraint.