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Circular Letter
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**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU
and Radiocommunication Sector Members participating in the
work of Working Parties 8A, 8B and 8D of Radiocommunication Study Group 8**

Subject: Meetings of Working Parties 8A, 8B and 8D

WP 8A: Land mobile service excluding IMT-2000; amateur and amateur-satellite service

WP 8B: Maritime mobile service including Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS); aeronautical mobile service and radiodetermination service

WP 8D: All mobile satellite services and radiodetermination satellite service

Introduction

By means of this Circular Letter, we wish to announce that meetings of ITU-R Working Parties 8A, 8B and 8D will take place in the ITU Headquarters in Geneva from 11-19 April 2005 (see the table below).

Groups	Meeting dates	Deadline for contributions	Opening session
Working Party 8A	11-15 April 2005	4 April 2005	11 April at 10:00 hours
Working Party 8B	11-15 April 2005	4 April 2005	11 April at 10:45 hours
Working Party 8D	13-19 April 2005	6 April 2005	13 April at 09:30 hours

Services directly connected with meeting activities, such as delegate registration, document distribution, etc. will be located in the vicinity of the meeting room. Registration of delegates will start at 08:30 hours on the opening days.

Programme of the meetings

A draft agenda for these meetings is contained in Annex 1. The Questions assigned may be found on: <http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?type=sitems&lang=e&parent=R03-SG08-C-0001>. The Working Parties will conduct their work in English.

Contributions

Contributions in response to the work of Working Parties 8A, 8B, and 8D are invited. These will be processed according to the provisions laid down in Resolution ITU-R 1-4, posted on <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg8/index.asp> (see “contributions” of each relevant Working Party) and distributed to participants at the opening of the meeting. As agreed at the last meetings of these Working Parties, the deadline for submission of documents to these meetings is 7 days before the start of each meeting. These deadlines are specified in the table above.

Participants are encouraged to submit contributions by electronic mail to: rsg8@itu.int. A copy should also be sent to the Chairmen of the relevant Working Parties and to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Study Group 8. The pertinent addresses can be found on:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/study-groups/index.asp> (see Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen)

Visa requirements

We would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Switzerland. The visa must be requested and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. If problems are encountered, the Union can, at the official request of the administration or company you represent, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa.

Visa requests should be made via an official covering letter from the administration or company you represent. This letter must specify your name and function, date of birth, passport number as well as the date of issuance and expiration. The letter must be accompanied by a photocopy of your passport and completed registration form and must be sent by fax to the ITU-R Document and Meetings Unit, Office V.434, Attention: Mrs. L.Kocher. The fax number is +41 22 730 6600. Please note that the Union needs at least one week to process all papers required for the delivery of a visa.

Participation

The intended participation of your representative(s) should be advised not later than one month before the opening of the meeting, by means of the annexed form (Annex 2) (to be photocopied as required). For hotel accommodation see <http://www.itu.int/travel>.

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Annexes: 2

Distribution:

- Administrations of Members of the ITU and other members of the Radiocommunication Sector participating in the work of Working Parties 8A, 8B and 8D of Radiocommunication Study Group 8
- ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 8
- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Radiocommunication Study Group 8
- Secretary General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

ANNEX 1

Draft agenda for the 16th meeting of Working Party 8A

(Geneva, 11-15 April 2005)

- 1 Opening remarks
- 2 Adoption of the draft agenda
- 3 Report on the 15th meeting of Working Party 8A ([Doc. 8A/121](#))
- 4 Report from Correspondence Groups
- 5 Work programme of the meeting
- 6 Any other business

J. COSTA
Chairman, Working Party 8A

Draft agenda for the 16th meeting of Working Party 8B

(Geneva, 11-15 April 2005)

- 1** Opening remarks
- 2** Adoption of the draft agenda
- 3** Report on the 15th meeting of Working Party 8B ([Doc. 8B/98](#))
- 4** Report from Correspondence Groups
- 5** Working structure and document assignment
- 6** Any other business

Questions related to the development of future UAVS (unmanned aerial vehicles) to the WRC-07 Agenda item 1.5

As decided at the 15th meeting of Working Party 8B, contributions on this topic are specifically sought for the 16th meeting, as detailed below:

1.1.1 Introduction

The agenda item 1.5 for WRC outlines the importance to study the spectrum requirement for aeronautical telemetry and associated telecommand. As this item requires evaluation of the future impact of telecommand and telemetry frequencies with a wide variety of aircraft, the possible use of these links with unmanned aerial vehicles must be taken into account. First studies showed that at a national level it is not possible to obtain precise answers to the question of the integration of such traffic in the traditional national airspace. Nevertheless, the study of item 1.5 requires having a view of the air traffic in the next several decades and precise ideas on the uses of unmanned air vehicles in airspace.

At the present moment, it is supposed that in ten, twenty or perhaps thirty years a significant number of unmanned aerial vehicles will occur in the airspace but it is difficult to understand how these vehicles will be progressively included in our skies.

1.1.2 Questions

Due to these limitations for an efficient study of item 1.5, it would be profitable if States, Sector Members and international organizations could offer specific answers to the following questions:

- 1) When, where and how the unmanned aerial vehicles are scheduled to begin to fly in the airspace?
- 2) Do specific schemes exist which explain the intermediate phases of the evolution of the airspace?
- 3) What kind of flights will be carried out by the unmanned aerial vehicles (surveillance, air freight, communication relay, passengers carrying etc.)?
- 4) Will this kind of traffic be completely mixed with traditional piloted traffic one or will it be separated in space or in altitude?
- 5) What is the evolution of these schemes in next several decades?
- 6) What will be the associated safety of life spectrum requirements ?
- 7) What will be the associated non safety of life spectrum requirements?

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Chairman, Working Party 8B

Draft agenda for the 17th meeting of Working Party 8D

(Geneva, 13-19 April 2005)

- 1 Opening remarks
- 2 Adoption of the draft agenda
- 3 Report on the 16th meeting of Working Party 8D ([Doc. 8D/122](#))
- 4 Reports from Rapporteurs and Correspondence Groups
- 5 Working structure and document distribution
- 6 Consideration of input documents
- 7 Any other business

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