RESOLUTION 72 (Rev.WRC-07)

World and regional preparations for world radiocommunication conferences

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2007),

considering

a) that many regional telecommunication organizations continue to coordinate their preparations for WRCs;

b) that many common proposals have been submitted to this Conference from administrations participating in the preparations of regional telecommunication organizations;

c) that this consolidation of views at regional level, together with the opportunity for interregional discussions prior to the Conference, has eased the task of reaching a common understanding and saved time during past WRCs;

d) that the burden of preparation for future conferences is likely to increase;

e) that there is consequently great benefit to the Member States of coordination of preparations at world level and at regional level;

f) that the success of future conferences will depend on greater efficiency of regional coordination and interaction at interregional level prior to future conferences, including possible face-to-face meetings between regional groups;

g) that there is a need for overall coordination of the interregional consultations,

recognizing

a) resolves 2 of Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference:

"to support the regional harmonization of common proposals, as stated in Resolution 72 (WRC-97), for submission to world radiocommunication conferences";

b) resolves 3 of Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference:

"to encourage both formal and informal collaboration in the interval between conferences with a view to resolving differences on items already on the agenda of a conference or new items",

noting

that the plenipotentiary conferences have resolved that the Union should continue to develop stronger relations with regional telecommunication organizations,

resolves

to invite the regional groups to continue their preparations for WRCs, including the possible convening of joint meetings of regional groups formally and informally,

further resolves to instruct the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

1 to continue consulting the regional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be given to their preparations for future world radiocommunication conferences in the following areas:

- organization of regional preparatory meetings;
- organization of information sessions, preferably before and after the second session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM);
- identification of major issues to be resolved by the future world radiocommunication conference;
- facilitation of regional and interregional formal and informal meetings, with the objective of reaching a possible convergence of interregional views on major issues;

2 pursuant to Resolution ITU-R 2-5 of the Radiocommunication Assembly on the CPM, to assist in ensuring that overview presentations of the chapters of the CPM Report will be made by the CPM management at an early stage in the CPM session, as part of the regularly scheduled meetings, in order to help all participants understand the contents of the CPM Report;

3 to submit a report on the results of such consultations to the next WRC,

invites the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

to collaborate with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau in implementing this Resolution.