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Subject: Dates of the next Radiocommunication Assembly (16-20 January 2012) and
World Radiocommunication Conference (23 January-17 February 2012)

Dear Sir/Madam,

At its session in 2008, the Council resolved, by its Resolution 1291, to convene a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-11) in Geneva (Switzerland) from [3-28 October 2011] [24 October-18 November 2011], preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly from [26-30 September 2011] [17-21 October 2011], with the agenda found in Resolution 1291.

In a footnote regarding the place and dates of WRC-11, Resolution 1291 provides: "Should the Secretary-General receive within three months a formal invitation from a Member State to host the Assembly and the Conference outside Geneva, the Secretary-General is authorized to take the appropriate measures to deal with this invitation; the dates are also provisional until the Secretary-General can investigate their feasibility within the next three months."

There was no such invitation received from a Member State. Taking into account the concerns expressed by a number of Member States, while discussing the dates of WRC-11 (Document C08/105) in Council 2008, the different religious holidays to be avoided and the availability of facilities at CICG, the Secretary-General, in coordination with other organizations having prior bookings, considered other potential dates. He contemplated, in particular, moving WRC to the beginning of 2012 in order to balance the cycle of ITU conferences between the 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 bienniums and avoid organizing three major ITU conferences (the World Telecommunication Development Conference, the Plenipotentiary Conference and WRC) in the same biennium.

It thus appeared that the next World Radiocommunication Conference could be held in Geneva from 23 January to 17 February 2012, preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly from 16 to 20 January 2012.

On 11 May 2009, the Chairman of the Council invited Council Member States to approve, by correspondence, with a deadline of 15 June 2009, modification of the dates of the next Radiocommunication Assembly and World Radiocommunication Conference (DM-09/1015). The Council has now signified its agreement to holding the next World Radiocommunication Conference in Geneva from **23 January to 17 February 2012**, preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly from **16 to 20 January 2012**. The agenda of WRC as adopted by the Council at its 2008 session remains unchanged.

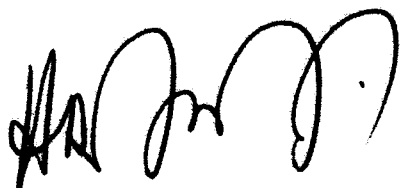
The precise place, the exact dates and the final agenda of the next WRC and the precise place and the exact dates of the next RA shall be determined with the concurrence of a majority of the Member States of the Union (see Nos. 42 and 118 of the ITU Convention).

All ITU Member States are thus invited to inform the Secretary-General, preferably by fax to +41 22 730 6675, **by Monday, 3 August 2009 at 2359 hours UTC** at the latest, whether they agree to the precise place, the exact dates and the final agenda of the next World Radiocommunication Conference and the precise place and the exact dates of the next Radiocommunication Assembly, as follows:

- World Radiocommunication Conference from **23 January to 17 February 2012** in Geneva;
- Radiocommunication Assembly from **16 to 20 January 2012** in Geneva;
- Agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference as set out in Council Resolution 1291 (MOD).

Looking forward to receiving your reply, I remain,

Yours faithfully,



Dr Hamadoun I TOURÉ
Secretary-General

Annex: Resolution 1291 (MOD)

RESOLUTION 1291 (MOD)

(adopted by correspondence)

Place, dates and agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12)

The Council,

noting

that Resolution 805 of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2007):

- a) resolved to recommend to the Council that a world radiocommunication conference be held in 2011 for a period of four weeks;
- b) recommended its agenda, and invited the Council to finalize the agenda and arrange for the convening of WRC-11 and to initiate as soon as possible the necessary consultation with Member States,

resolves

to convene a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) in Geneva (Switzerland) from 23 January to 17 February 2012, preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly from 16 to 20 January 2012, with the following agenda:

1 on the basis of proposals from administrations, taking account of the results of WRC-07 and the Report of the Conference Preparatory Meeting, and with due regard to the requirements of existing and future services in the bands under consideration, to consider and take appropriate action with respect to the following items:

1.1 to consider and take appropriate action on requests from administrations to delete their country footnotes or to have their country name deleted from footnotes, if no longer required, taking into account Resolution **26 (Rev.WRC-07)**;

1.2 taking into account the ITU-R studies carried out in accordance with Resolution **951 (Rev.WRC-07)**, to take appropriate action with a view to enhancing the international regulatory framework;

1.3 to consider spectrum requirements and possible regulatory actions, including allocations, in order to support the safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), based on the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **421 (WRC-07)**;

1.4 to consider, based on the results of ITU-R studies, any further regulatory measures to facilitate introduction of new aeronautical mobile (R) service (AM(R)S) systems in the bands 112-117.975 MHz, 960-1 164 MHz and 5 000-5 030 MHz in accordance with Resolutions **413 (Rev.WRC-07)**, **417 (WRC-07)** and **420 (WRC-07)**;

1.5 to consider worldwide/regional harmonization of spectrum for electronic news gathering (ENG), taking into account the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **954 (WRC-07)**;

1.6 to review No. **5.565** of the Radio Regulations in order to update the spectrum use by the passive services between 275 GHz and 3 000 GHz, in accordance with Resolution **950 (Rev.WRC-07)**, and to consider possible procedures for free-space optical-links, taking into account the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **955 (WRC-07)**;

- 1.7 to consider the results of ITU-R studies in accordance with Resolution **222 (Rev.WRC-07)** in order to ensure long-term spectrum availability and access to spectrum necessary to meet requirements for the aeronautical mobile-satellite (R) service, and to take appropriate action on this subject, while retaining unchanged the generic allocation to the mobile-satellite service in the bands 1 525-1 559 MHz and 1 626.5-1 660.5 MHz;
- 1.8 to consider the progress of ITU-R studies concerning the technical and regulatory issues relative to the fixed service in the bands between 71 GHz and 238 GHz, taking into account Resolutions **731 (WRC-2000)** and **732 (WRC-2000)**;
- 1.9 to revise frequencies and channelling arrangements of Appendix 17 to the Radio Regulations, in accordance with Resolution **351 (Rev.WRC-07)**, in order to implement new digital technologies for the maritime mobile service;
- 1.10 to examine the frequency allocation requirements with regard to operation of safety systems for ships and ports and associated regulatory provisions, in accordance with Resolution **357 (WRC-07)**;
- 1.11 to consider a primary allocation to the space research service (Earth-to-space) within the band 22.55-23.15 GHz, taking into account the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **753 (WRC-07)**;
- 1.12 to protect the primary services in the band 37-38 GHz from interference resulting from aeronautical mobile service operations, taking into account the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **754 (WRC-07)**;
- 1.13 to consider the results of ITU-R studies in accordance with Resolution **551 (WRC-07)** and decide on the spectrum usage of the 21.4-22 GHz band for the broadcasting-satellite service and the associated feeder-link bands in Regions 1 and 3;
- 1.14 to consider requirements for new applications in the radiolocation service and review allocations or regulatory provisions for implementation of the radiolocation service in the range 30-300 MHz, in accordance with Resolution **611 (WRC-07)**;
- 1.15 to consider possible allocations in the range 3-50 MHz to the radiolocation service for oceanographic radar applications, taking into account the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **612 (WRC-07)**;
- 1.16 to consider the needs of passive systems for lightning detection in the meteorological aids service, including the possibility of an allocation in the frequency range below 20 kHz, and to take appropriate action, in accordance with Resolution **671 (WRC-07)**;
- 1.17 to consider results of sharing studies between the mobile service and other services in the band 790-862 MHz in Regions 1 and 3, in accordance with Resolution **749 (WRC-07)**, to ensure the adequate protection of services to which this frequency band is allocated, and take appropriate action;
- 1.18 to consider extending the existing primary and secondary radiodetermination-satellite service (space-to-Earth) allocations in the band 2 483.5-2 500 MHz in order to make a global primary allocation, and to determine the necessary regulatory provisions based upon the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **613 (WRC-07)**;
- 1.19 to consider regulatory measures and their relevance, in order to enable the introduction of software-defined radio and cognitive radio systems, based on the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **956 (WRC-07)**;

1.20 to consider the results of ITU-R studies and spectrum identification for gateway links for high altitude platform stations (HAPS) in the range 5 850-7 075 MHz in order to support operations in the fixed and mobile services, in accordance with Resolution **734 (Rev.WRC-07)**;

1.21 to consider a primary allocation to the radiolocation service in the band 15.4-15.7 GHz, taking into account the results of ITU-R studies, in accordance with Resolution **614 (WRC-07)**;

1.22 to examine the effect of emissions from short-range devices on radiocommunication services, in accordance with Resolution **953 (WRC-07)**;

1.23 to consider an allocation of about 15 kHz in parts of the band 415-526.5 kHz to the amateur service on a secondary basis, taking into account the need to protect existing services;

1.24 to consider the existing allocation to the meteorological-satellite service in the band 7 750-7 850 MHz with a view to extending this allocation to the band 7 850-7 900 MHz, limited to non-geostationary meteorological satellites in the space-to-Earth direction, in accordance with Resolution **672 (WRC-07)**;

1.25 to consider possible additional allocations to the mobile-satellite service, in accordance with Resolution **231 (WRC-07)**;

2 to examine the revised ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations communicated by the Radiocommunication Assembly, in accordance with Resolution **28 (Rev.WRC-03)**, and to decide whether or not to update the corresponding references in the Radio Regulations, in accordance with principles contained in the Annex 1 to Resolution **27 (Rev.WRC-07)**;

3 to consider such consequential changes and amendments to the Radio Regulations as may be necessitated by the decisions of the Conference;

4 in accordance with Resolution **95 (Rev.WRC-07)**, to review the resolutions and recommendations of previous conferences with a view to their possible revision, replacement or abrogation;

5 to review, and take appropriate action on, the Report from the Radiocommunication Assembly submitted in accordance with Nos. 135 and 136 of the Convention;

6 to identify those items requiring urgent action by the Radiocommunication Study Groups in preparation for the next world radiocommunication conference;

7 to consider possible changes in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference: "Advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks", in accordance with Resolution **86 (Rev.WRC-07)**;

8 in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention:

8.1 to consider and approve the Report of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau:

8.1.1 on the activities of the Radiocommunication Sector since WRC-07;

8.1.2 on any difficulties or inconsistencies encountered in the application of the Radio Regulations; and

8.1.3 on action in response to Resolution **80 (Rev.WRC-07)**;

8.2 to recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda for the next WRC, and to give its views on the preliminary agenda for the subsequent conference and on possible agenda items for future conferences, taking into account Resolution 806 (WRC-07),

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

to make the necessary arrangements to convene meetings of the Conference Preparatory Meeting and the Special Committee on Regulatory/ Procedural Matters and to prepare a report to WRC-12,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to make all the necessary arrangements, in agreement with the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, for the convening of the Conference;

2 to communicate this Resolution to international and regional organizations concerned.
