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Subject: **Second session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

1. I have the honour to inform you that, following the adoption of Resolution 1224 by the ITU Council-04, a second session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in Region 1 (parts of Region 1 situated to the west of meridian 170° E and to the north of parallel 40° S, except Mongolia) and in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 May to 16 June 2006. The agenda of the Conference is contained in Council Resolution 1224 in Annex 1.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union (General Rules) and in accordance with the relevant provisions of these General Rules, I am pleased to invite your Government to send a delegation to the Conference. In this respect, I would like to remind you that delegations sent by Member States to Radiocommunication Conferences must be duly accredited in accordance with Nos. 324, 326 and 328 to 331 of the Convention.

3. In accordance with the provisions of No. 8 of the General Rules, I would kindly ask you to inform me at least one month before the date of opening of the Conference, whether your Government intends to participate. For the registration of each participant, you may use the attached registration form (Annex 2).

4. In order to prepare for the Conference, please inform me by **15 December 2005** of your requirements for conference preparatory documents by returning Annex 3 to this letter, duly completed.

5. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the General Rules, I also invite you to submit your proposals for the work of the Conference, if deemed appropriate. These proposals should reach the ITU General Secretariat at least four months before the start of the Conference (No. 40 of the General Rules). The usual standards of presentation should be adhered to as far as possible.

6. In accordance with the provisions of Nos. 159D to 159G of the ITU Constitution, expenses incurred by the Regional Conferences shall be borne as follows:

- i) by all the Member States of the region concerned, in accordance with their classes of contributions; in this case, these expenses will be borne by the Member States of Region 1 (except Mongolia) and the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- ii) by those Member States of other Regions, if any, which will participate at the Conference in a non-voting capacity as observers;
- iii) by authorized Sector Members and other authorized organizations, if any, which will attend the Conference as observers.
- iv) Appropriate invoices will be addressed to the Administrations of the Member States concerned in early 2006, as well as to concerned authorized Sector Members and other authorized organizations, based on the estimates of the expenses as contained in the relevant budget documents. The final invoices will be established and sent in accordance with standard practices.

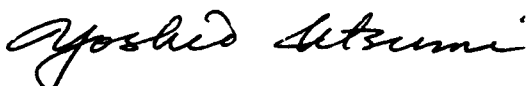
7. Provision No. 476 of the ITU Convention will apply to the organizations referred to in No. 269A to 269E of the Convention, to other organizations of an international character (unless they have been exempted by the Council subject to reciprocity) and to Sector Members, which will attend RRC-06.

8. You may wish to note that, in accordance with Resolutions 1225 and 1226 of the Council, two additional short regional radiocommunication conferences will be associated with the second session of the RRC:

- one dealing with a revision of the ST61 Agreement, with a view to harmonizing the parts of that Agreement that relate to the use of the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service with the agreement adopted by the second session of the RRC, and
- the other dealing with a revision of the GE89 Agreement, with a view to harmonizing the parts of that Agreement that relate to the use of the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service with the agreement adopted by the second session of the RRC.

Invitations for these two short conferences will be sent to the concerned Member States shortly.

Yours faithfully,



Yoshio UTSUMI
Secretary-General

Annexes: 3

ANNEX 1

RESOLUTION 1224¹

(Approved at the eighth Plenary Meeting)

Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3², in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz

The Council,

considering

- a) that, pursuant to Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003) the first session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC) for the planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in Region 1 (parts of Region 1 situated to the west of meridian 170° E and to the north of parallel 40° S, except the territory of Mongolia) and in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz was held in Geneva, from 10 to 28 May 2004;
- b) that Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003), in *resolves* 3, contains indications on the date, duration, venue and agenda for the second session of the RRC;
- c) that the first session of the RRC adopted Resolution COM5/2, dealing with the date, duration, venue and agenda for the second session of the RRC, by which it is recommended to the Council to amend the indications contained in Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003) in this respect with a view to reflecting the results and decisions of the first session,

resolves

- 1 to convene the second session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in Region 1 (parts of Region 1 situated to the west of meridian 170° E and to the north of parallel 40° S, except the territory of Mongolia) and in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz;
- 2 that this second session of the RRC will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 May to 16 June 2006 with the following agenda:
 - 2.1 on the basis of proposals from Administrations and the Resolutions of the first session of the Conference, including the Report annexed to Resolution 1, and taking into consideration the report from the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau on the intersessional work, to establish a new regional agreement for the planning area referred to in *resolves* 1 above and for the concerned frequency bands, including:
 - 2.1.1 associated frequency plans, as described in § 5.1.1.2 of the report of the first session, for terrestrial digital broadcasting in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz, taking account of the following items:
 - a) planning principles;
 - b) protection of existing and planned broadcasting assignments;
 - c) mechanisms, including time periods, for the migration from analogue to digital broadcasting;
 - d) protection of existing and planned assignments to other primary services in the bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz;

¹ This Resolution replaces and supersedes Resolution 1185 (modified 2003).

² See *resolves* 1 of this Resolution

- e) definition of terms to be used in the agreement;
- f) propagation characteristics and methods of predicting field-strength values in the VHF and UHF bands;
- g) planning criteria (including protection ratios), planning methods and network configurations (e.g. single-frequency networks, multi-frequency networks);
- h) inter-service and intra-service sharing and compatibility criteria, including for frequency bands adjacent to the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz;

2.1.2 regulatory and procedural aspects relating to the use of the bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service and the sharing of these bands between the broadcasting service and the other primary services;

2.1.3 the relationship between the agreement to be established by the second session and the Stockholm 1961 and Geneva 1989 Agreements with a view to harmonizing the scope of application of each of these three Agreements³;

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

- 1 to provide assistance, including the preparation and organisation of the second session of the RRC;
- 2 to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the planning activities between the two sessions of the Conference as indicated in Resolution COM5/1 from the first session of the RRC;
- 3 to make the necessary arrangements for convening meetings of the Intersessional Planning Group (IPG), the Regulatory and Procedural Group (RPG) and its working party, and to provide the necessary assistance,

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

to make the necessary arrangements for organizing regional information meetings/workshops, using the appropriations of the 2004-2005 budget, to provide assistance to the Administrations in their preparations during the intersessional period and for the second session of the RRC,

invites the ITU-R Study Groups

to carry out, as a matter of urgency, the relevant studies called for in the Resolutions adopted by the first session of the RRC,

instructs the Secretary-General

- 1 to take the necessary steps for convening the second session of the RRC;
- 2 to bring this Resolution to the attention of all Member States,

invites the Administrations having territories in the planning area and the regional organizations concerned

- 1. to participate actively in the preparatory work for the second session of the RRC;
- 2. to support the Radiocommunication Bureau in the development of the planning tools, *inter alia* by providing available software.

³ See also Resolutions 1225 and 1226

ANNEX 2



REGISTRATION FORM



**SECOND SESSION OF THE
REGIONAL RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE (RRC-06)**
GENEVA, 15 MAY – 16 JUNE 2006

➔ To be returned, preferably by **10 February 2006**, to the BR Secretariat (Office V.434, Fax: +41 22 730 6600)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss:
(family name) first name)

Accompanied by family member (s):
(family name) first name)

1. OFFICIAL ADDRESS

Name of the Member State / Organization / Entity:

Street Address:

City/State/Code/Country:

Business tel.: Fax:

E-mail: In case of emergency:

2. REPRESENTATION

I will represent the following Member State / Sector Member / Others (*delete as appropriate*):

Function during the Conference:

Head of Delegation ☐
Deputy Head ☐
Delegate ☐
Adviser ☐
Observer ☐

3. DOCUMENTS

I wish to receive paper copies during the meeting: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate one language only: ☐ English ☐ French ☐ Spanish
☐ Arabic ☐ Russian

Date: Signature:

For BR Secretariat use only

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ANNEX 3

SECOND SESSION OF THE REGIONAL RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE (RRC-06)

GENEVA, 15 MAY – 16 JUNE 2006

MEMBER
STATE:

Will
participate
at RRC-06:

Yes	No
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Probable
number of
participants:

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

We intend to submit proposals **YES / NO** (*delete as appropriate*).

They will amount to about **pages** and will be made available in electronic form.

They will be written in **ENGLISH / FRENCH / SPANISH / ARABIC / RUSSIAN** (*delete as appropriate*).

They will reach the Secretariat on

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Number of copies^{*)}:

We wish to receive ____ **copies** of the CD-ROM containing the preparatory documents in E/F/S/A/R.

^{*)} Further to Council Resolution 1141, the number of paper copies dispatched by mail is limited to a maximum of **five** per Member State.

Address to which these CD-ROMs should be sent (*one address please*):

(Place)

(Date)

(Signature)

To be returned by **15 December 2005** to the:

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