

## RESOLUTION 20 (REV.WRC-03)

**Technical cooperation with developing countries in the field of aeronautical telecommunications**

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2003),

*considering*

- a)* that the allocations of the frequency bands and the provisions concerning various aeronautical mobile services have been revised several times by recent conferences;
- b)* that some of these frequency bands and provisions support the worldwide implementation of new aeronautical telecommunication systems;
- c)* that on the other hand, some of these frequency bands and provisions support existing aeronautical systems that may be affected by the revision;
- d)* that, as a consequence of *a)*, *b)* and *c)*, technological modernization will be necessary in order to maintain and improve the safety and regularity of international civil aviation, the accuracy and security of aeronautical radionavigation and the efficiency of distress and rescue systems;
- e)* that the developing countries may require assistance in improving the training of technical staff, as well as in introducing new systems, in coping with technological modernization and enhancing the operation of aeronautical telecommunications,

*recognizing*

- a)* the value of the assistance which, in conjunction with other international organizations, the Union has provided and may continue to provide to developing countries in the field of telecommunications;
- b)* that the original version of Resolution **20 (Mob-87)** established a good basis for the technical cooperation with developing countries in the field of aeronautical telecommunications that has been undertaken by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),

*resolves to instruct the Secretary-General*

- 1 to encourage ICAO to continue its assistance to developing countries which are endeavouring to improve their aeronautical telecommunications, in particular by providing them with technical advice for the planning, establishment, operation and maintenance of equipment, as well as help with the training of staff, essentially in matters relating to the new technologies;
- 2 for this purpose, to seek the continued collaboration of ICAO, the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and other specialized agencies of the United Nations, as appropriate;
- 3 to continue to give special attention to seeking the aid of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other sources of financial support, to enable the Union to render sufficient and effective technical assistance in the field of aeronautical telecommunications,

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*invites the developing countries*

so far as possible, to give a high level of priority to and include in their national programmes of requests for technical assistance projects relating to aeronautical telecommunications and to support multinational projects in that field.