

RECOMMENDATION ITU-R TF.535-2

USE OF THE TERM UTC

(Question ITU-R 102-1/7)

(1978-1982-1998)

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) that according to Recommendation ITU-R TF.460 all standard-frequency and time-signal emissions should conform to the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC);
- b) that since 1972 UTC has been available as a world-wide time reference;
- c) that in 1975 the General Conference of Weights and Measures (CGPM) recommended the use of UTC as the basis of civil time;
- d) that other scientific organizations, particularly the International Astronomical Union (IAU) and the International Union of Radio Science (URSI) have recommended the general use of UTC;
- e) that UTC enables the time of events to be determined with an uncertainty of less than 100 ns;
- f) that according to Recommendation ITU-R TF.536 and in accordance with the recommendation of the CGPM the designation UTC is to be used in all languages;
- g) that the World Administrative Radio Conference (Geneva, 1979) (WARC-79) has decided that UTC shall be used in international radiocommunication activities,

recommends

- 1** that UTC should be used to designate the time in all international telecommunication activities and in all official documents of the International Telecommunication Union.
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