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Circular Letter
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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Progress report on the implementation of the *TerRaSys* Project

Reference: BR Circular letter No. CR/143 dated 2 May 2000

To the Director-General

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. The Radiocommunication Bureau provided information in Circular letter CR/143 on the delay in the development of the *TerRaSys* Project and on the reasons for such a delay. On that occasion, the Bureau indicated that it would consider implementing some temporary solutions so as to comply with the requirements of No. S11.28 concerning the time limit for publication in Part I of the BR IFIC, should the delay with the implementation of the *TerRaSys* system continue to be significant. One of these measures, which consists of provisional acknowledgment of receipt of the FXM notices, as received (FXM stands for fixed, mobile and other services excepting the broadcasting service in the LF/MF and VHF/UHF bands), was implemented in May 2000 and BR IFIC No. 2419 (dated 16 May 2000) contained an index of the FXM notices (in Acrobat (pdf) format), as well as all relevant particulars of the corresponding FXM notices in MS-Access format. The same information was also posted on the ITU web site (<http://www.itu.int/brtpr/brific/index.html>) and it was made available for free download to all registered TIES users. Since then, the Bureau continued to process the FXM notices using this provisional arrangement and there is no backlog in this regard. The Bureau received a favourable feedback from many administrations in respect to this provisional arrangement, as well as some suggestions concerning the possible way forward.

2. One of the suggestions that was communicated to the Bureau consists of the periodic publication of the consolidated file of all pending notices, which would allow administrations to be kept informed on the status of their notices, as well as appropriate information on the particulars of their notices, as maintained by the Bureau, bearing in mind the fact that some administrations submitted amendments to the notices already published under this provisional arrangement. The Bureau considered this proposal and decided to implement it. Therefore, BR IFIC No. 2446, dated 12 June 2001, will contain a consolidated database of all pending FXM notices, which were published on a provisional basis in the period from 16 May 2000 to 29 May 2001, which corresponds approximately to a period of one year.

3. The Bureau also considered additional alternative measures intended to minimize the inconvenience to administrations due to the accumulated delay in implementing the *TerRaSys* project. In this respect, the Bureau decided to proceed with the examination of the pending FXM notices, on a provisional basis, and to publish the associated provisional findings in the BR IFIC. Such a procedure will be implemented with respect to all FXM notices, except those in the bands shared with space services where the allocation to the space service comprises the space-to-earth direction, as the examination in this latter case is more complex and can be done only in an automated manner. The first provisional publication in this respect will be included in BR IFIC No. 2447, dated 26 June 2001. However, the Bureau wishes to indicate that, due to the provisional nature of the FXM notices, the associated findings will also have a provisional nature. The provisional nature of the findings is due to various reasons, e.g., the partial validation of the notices, the current impracticality to check the relationship of the submitted data with those recorded in the Master Register, etc. As these provisional findings need to be confirmed once *TerRaSys* becomes fully operational, i.e., after complete validation and after official acknowledgement of receipt, the Bureau will not return any notice that may have an unfavourable provisional finding. Nevertheless, administrations may wish to consider withdrawing the concerned notice, or modifying it so as to make the relevant particulars consistent with the requirements of the Radio Regulations.

4. The Bureau counts on the understanding of the your Administration and hopes that the above arrangements will partially remedy the situation due the unavailability of a complete system for treating the FXM notices and remains at the disposal of your Administration for any further information you may require in this respect.

Yours faithfully,

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