

**OPEN LETTER TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION  
ON**

**GLOBAL CIRCULATION OF IMT-2000 TERMINALS**

At the recent meeting of the Operators Harmonization Group (OHG) held in London, United Kingdom, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2000, there was a discussion on the issue of global circulation of IMT-2000 terminals. The OHG noted the activities being carried out in ITU-R WP 8F on the technical aspects of the issue and considered the brief report by the ITU Project Manager on IMT-2000 on the actions being taken by ITU's Secretary-General in this regard. The operators listed below wish to bring the following to the attention of the ITU's Secretary-General.

Worldwide roaming is one of the key features of IMT-2000 systems that require the global circulation of terminals. Global circulation of terminals deals with the right of users to carry their terminals from their home country to another, and the ability to use those terminals if accepted and connected by a network operator. It is also applicable to users who wish to carry terminals worldwide even if they are not always able to use them. Commercial IMT-2000 systems are planned to be in operation already in 2001 resulting in a need for global circulation.

The operators recognise that a successful deployment of IMT-2000 has to include the ability of users to carry their terminals when they go from one country to another, and to use those terminals, if accepted and connected by the network operator, in other mobile networks than their home network, or to simply carry them even if they are not able to use them. Such global circulation of IMT-2000 terminals is advantageous for operators - it will expand their markets and the prospects for earning additional revenue. More importantly, it will benefit the many millions of users of IMT-2000 systems, allowing them to use their phone as a personal communicator which they can carry with them wherever they may be in the world.

The operators have discussed the issue of global circulation of IMT-2000 terminals and are of the opinion that the personal use by visitors of IMT-2000 terminals should require no individual licence or any other form of individual formal regulatory procedure. In addition, it is desirable that national administrations liaise with appropriate customs and other authorities in order to exempt IMT-2000 terminals intended for personal use by visitors from all customs duties or other official charges. In addition, it is desirable that individual type approval, self-certification or where voluntary declaration of conformity by terminal manufacturers could suffice for global circulation of IMT-2000 terminals

The operators consider that national and regional authorities should further study and cooperate where necessary in order to remove any obstacles hindering global circulation of IMT-2000 terminals in all parts of the world.

In this regard, the operators wish to encourage actions by ITU's Secretary-General to convey the above-mentioned considerations to the ITU Members with the ultimate goal to facilitating the global circulation of IMT-2000 terminals.

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The following operators support this statement:

Bell Mobility	SingTel
China Unicom	SK Telecom
Cingular Wireless	Sprint PCS
Dacom	Swisscom
Japan Telecom	Telecom NZ/AAPT
KT-M.com	Telefonica Moviles
LG Telecom	Telesystems International Wireless
Libertel	Telstra
Microcell Connexions	Telus Mobility
Mobileone	T-Mobil
Omnitel	Verizon Wireless
	Vodafone
	Voicestream Wireless