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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members and Associates

**Subject: Celebrations in honour of the 100th anniversary of the ITU Radio Regulations
(1906-2006) – Geneva, 30 October 2006**

1 I have great pleasure in inviting you to attend the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the ITU Radio Regulations to be held on 30 October 2006.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite to the occasion the retired officials and staff of the Radiocommunication Bureau, former CCIR and former IFRB who have largely contributed by their efforts and years-of-service to the 100-year history of the Radio Regulations.

Given the importance of this event in the context of the development of internationally harmonized radiocommunications, the participation of representatives of ITU Members States is strongly encouraged and most welcome.

2 The ceremony, which will be held during the opening of the Biennial Radiocommunication Seminar at the CICG building (International Conference Centre of Geneva), Switzerland, will begin at 0930 hours on 30 October 2006 in the CICG – Room 1 and will consist of an official ceremony in the morning which will be webcasted via the “100 Year” website <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/information/promotion/100-years/index.html>.

3 The draft programme of the 100th anniversary ceremony in honour of the Radio Regulations is contained in **Annex 1** and the full programme will be made available on the website.

4 A brief description of the centenary of the ITU Radio Regulations (1906-2006) is contained in **Annex 2**.

5 Please note that all participants must register via the Montbrillant entrance of ITU headquarters. Registered participants to the BR Biennial Radiocommunication Seminar will be automatically registered to also attend the “100-years of ITU Radio Regulations” ceremony. Registration will be possible as of 0830 hours on the day of the ceremony. The Registration form for participation is contained in **Annex 3**.

6 The cost of travel and accommodation in Geneva for participants is the responsibility of the administration/organization concerned. A number of hotels in Geneva and the surrounding area have agreed to offer preferential rates to delegates participating in ITU conferences and meetings. Information on the list of these hotels, as well as on the procedure to follow for the reservation of hotels, is available from the ITU website (see <http://www.itu.int/travel/index.html>). Bookings must be made by delegates in their own name, without going through a travel agent or airline company. Bookings should be sent by post or fax directly to the hotel using the form attached (**Annex 4**).

7 The Bureau remains at your disposal for any questions concerning this Administrative Circular (contact person in the Radiocommunication Bureau: Ms Grace De Angelis-Petrin, telephone: +41 22 730 5810, e-mail: brpromo@itu.int).

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- Members of the Radio Regulations Board
- Secretary-General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

For information and participation

- Retired staff and officials of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), former CCIR, former IFRB

Annex 1

Celebrations in honour of the 100th anniversary of the ITU Radio Regulations (1906-2006)

- **DATE:**

30 October 2006, immediately preceding the opening of the Biennial Radiocommunication Seminar.

- **LOCATION:**

CICG, Geneva, Room 1

- **DRAFT PROGRAMME:**

0930 hours – Beginning of the ceremony

Speakers:

Opening

Mr Roberto Blois, Deputy Secretary-General, ITU

Mr Valery Timofeev, Director, Radiocommunication Bureau, ITU

Invited speaker(s)

Closing

1100 hours – Coffee break

1130 hours – Opening of Biennial Radiocommunication Seminar

1230 hours – Reception/cocktail

Annex 2



100 YEARS OF RADIO REGULATIONS (1906-2006)

In **1906**, the first **International Radiotelegraph Conference** gathered 29 maritime states in Berlin to sign the “International Radiotelegraph Convention” establishing the principle of compulsory intercommunication between vessels at sea and the land. The annex to that Convention contained the first regulations governing wireless telegraphy. Those regulations, which have since been expanded and revised by numerous radio conferences, are now known as the Radio Regulations.

The **Radio Regulations** apply to frequencies ranging from 9 kHz to 400 GHz, and now incorporate over 1 000 pages of information describing how the spectrum may be used and shared around the globe. In an increasingly “unwired” world, some 40 different radio services now compete for spectrum allocations to provide the bandwidth needed to extend services or support larger numbers of users.

In **2006**, the ITU membership has good reason to celebrate the centenary of the Radio Regulations. The World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) process has been instrumental in providing for timely and effective international regulatory frameworks for the establishment of advanced new wireless services and applications, while safeguarding the interests and rights of existing radiocommunication users. One hundred years after 1906 we are witnessing innovative technological solutions using **radio transmission** setting the grounds for a **wireless world**.

Radio has become pervasive in our lives, from *devices and appliances* (such as personal mobile phones, radio-controlled watches, radio headsets); for *home and office networking* (such as wireless access to the network, PC device radio connection, remote control), for *navigation* (using different radio positioning systems), *intelligent transportation systems* (such as toll control, collision avoidance), *broadcasting* (radio, TV and data), for *emergency communications* (comprehensive radio disaster warning and relief systems), to *object identification* (RFID tags) and other more conventional applications. We are now observing the full deployment of cellular systems of the third generation (3G), based on ITU standards known as IMT-2000 and the adoption of actual steps towards the implementation of digital broadcasting systems within the framework of ITU-based regulations.

Annex 3



Registration Form

100 Year Celebrations of the ITU Radio Regulations (1906-2006)



Geneva, Switzerland
30 October 2006

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

Accompanied by:
(family name) (first name)

1. REPRESENTATION

Name of Member State:

Name of Sector Member:

Non-member: ☐

Retired staff: ☐

2. OFFICIAL ADDRESS

Name of the company:

Business tel.: Fax:

E-mail: In case of emergency:

3. I am also participating in the Biennial Radiocommunication Seminar:

☐

Yes

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No

Date: Signature:

To be returned duly completed to the Radiocommunication Bureau

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Annex 4

This confirmation form should be sent directly to the hotel of your choice



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Confirmation of the reservation made on to hotel

at ITU preferential tariff

..... single/double room from time of arrival..... to

Name:

First name:

Address:

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Tel.: Fax:

Credit card to guarantee this reservation AX/VISA/DINERS/EC
other

No. Validity

Date Signature