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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Draft Rules of Procedure concerning the Regional Agreement GE06

To the Director General

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed draft Rules of Procedure dealing with the Regional Agreement GE06, which are intended to support the application of the Regional Agreement GE06.

In accordance with No. **13.17** of the Radio Regulations, these draft Rules of Procedure are made available to administrations for comment before being submitted to the RRB pursuant to No. **13.14**. As indicated in No. **13.12A d)** of the Radio Regulations, any comments that you may wish to submit should reach the Bureau not later than **4 May 2007**, in order to be considered at the 44th Meeting of the RRB, scheduled for 4 – 8 June 2007. All e-mail comments should be sent to: brmail@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

Annex: 1

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- Administrations of Member States of the ITU
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ANNEX

PART A10

Rules concerning the Regional Agreement relating to the planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (Geneva, 2006) (GE06)

Art. 4

Procedure for modifications to the Plans and procedure for coordination of other primary terrestrial services

4.1.1

1) This provision specifies the various cases envisaged in the procedure for modifications to the Plans. Essentially, the procedure provides a phased approach in the case when an administration wishes to add to the digital Plan an allotment and assignment(s) stemming from that allotment: the administration firstly needs to successfully complete the Plan modification procedure for the allotment and, once the allotment is entered in the digital Plan, the administration could apply the procedure referred to in No. 4.1.1 c). Therefore, the Board concluded that there was no possibility for simultaneous application of the procedure for adding an allotment to the Plan and the procedure of adding assignment(s) stemming from that allotment and instructed the Bureau to act accordingly.

Reason: To clarify the situation concerning the case of simultaneous submissions of proposed modifications to the Plan relating to an allotment and to assignments stemming from the same allotment. Provision No. 4.1.1 c) envisages the possibility of adding an assignment stemming from an allotment, provided that the concerned allotment is already in the digital Plan. Acting on a request from an administration to apply Provision No. 4.1.1 c), the Bureau will follow the procedure in No. 4.1.2.7 which envisages either publication in Part B of the concerned Special Section (if the totality of the assignments concerned comply with the conditions set forth in Section II of Annex 4 to the Agreement) or further actions from administrations (e.g. adjustment of the characteristics of the assignment(s) so as to fulfilling the conditions of compliance with Section II of Annex 4 to the Agreement). Therefore, a request for application of Provision No. 4.1.1 c) could not result in a publication in Part A of the Special Section, while the requests for application of Provision No. 4.1.1 b) could result either in publication in Part A or in Part B of the Special Section.

2) In the case of proposed changes to the characteristics of an allotment already included in the Plan, which also comprises one or several assignments converted from the allotment already included in the Plan, the Bureau will follow the following procedure:

- in the application of No. 4.1.1 a), the Bureau will publish only the characteristics of the modified allotment; to this end, the Bureau will include an appropriate note in the concerned Special Section;

- until the successful completion of the Plan modification procedure for the modified allotment, the Bureau will continue to protect the previous allotment (together with the assignments stemming from that allotment);
- after the successful completion of the Plan modification procedure for the modified allotment, the Bureau will include it in the Plan (as a replacement for the previous allotment) and will delete all the assignments stemming from the previous allotment, if any. The notifying administration, if it so wishes, may submit a new configuration of assignments stemming from the modified allotment (which may include some of the assignments previously included in the Plan as stemming from the previous allotment) under provision 4.1.1 c). Upon receipt of the modified configuration of assignments stemming from the modified allotment, the Bureau will examine them under No. 4.1.2.7 and will act accordingly.

Reason: To clarify the situation concerning the case of submissions for modification to the Plan which relate to an allotment already included in the Plan and comprises one or several assignments stemming from that allotment.

Art. 12

Entry into force, duration and provisional application of the Agreement

12.6

The footnote 7, associated with this provision, lists the countries for which the transition period for the VHF band (174-230 MHz; for Morocco: 170-230 MHz) shall end on 17 June 2020 at 0001 hours UTC. The same footnote further specifies the option, for the administrations which were not present at RRC-06 and whose names are listed in footnote 7, of selecting another date for the end of the transition period in the VHF band (notably 17 June 2015 at 0001 hours UTC), provided that these administrations communicate such a decision to the Bureau within a 90-day period from the end of RRC-06.

After the end of RRC-06, the Bureau contacted the administrations of the Member States listed in footnote 7 of this provision which were not present at RRC-06 and informed them of the decisions of RRC-06 in this respect. No administration of the Member States concerned informed the Bureau, within the specified period, that it selected 17 June 2015 for the end of the transition period. Therefore, for all countries listed in footnote 7, the transition period for the VHF band shall end on 17 June 2020 at 0001 hours UTC.

Reason: To clarify the situation concerning the end of the transition period for the VHF band with respect to the Member States which were not present at RRC-06.