

RECOMMENDATION 8

Relating to automatic identification of stations

The World Administrative Radio Conference (Geneva, 1979),

considering

- a)* Article **19** which allows, where practicable, automatic identification of stations in appropriate services, and under certain circumstances;
- b)* that it is not always feasible or convenient to give manual identification;
- c)* that sources of harmful interference often remain unidentified for long periods, with consequential delay in measures that might be taken to minimize the interference;
- d)* that automatic identification procedures, where appropriate, may help overcome some of the disadvantages of manual identification;
- e)* that automatic transmission of a call sign or other signals may provide a means of identifying some stations for which identification is not always possible, e.g. radio relay and space systems;
- f)* the desirability of fostering a common automatic identification method to facilitate effective implementation of the provisions of Article **19**, as an alternative to the proliferation of many different systems and modulation techniques that might be used for this purpose,

recommends

that the ITU-R study the matter of automatic identification of stations with a view to recommending technical characteristics and methods of implementing a common universal system, including standard modulation techniques, for application in accordance with Article **19**, with due consideration to the needs of the different services and types of stations.