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Subject: **General information on credentials for delegations to the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Geneva 1989 Agreement (RRC-06-AFR)**

To the Member States of the Union from the planning area of the Regional Agreement, Geneva, 1989

By Fax

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to Circular-Letter No. 66 of 26 May 2005 inviting your Government to send a delegation to the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06-AFR), associated in time and place with the second session of the RRC (RRC-06), to revise the Geneva 1989 Agreement with a view to harmonizing the parts of that Agreement that relate to the use of the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service with the agreement to be adopted by RRC-06, I should like to remind you of the provisions of Article 31 of the ITU Convention with regard to Credentials.

In accordance with Nos. 324 and 326 of the Convention, accreditation of delegations sent by Member States to the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Geneva 1989 Agreement (RRC-06-AFR) shall be by means of written instruments signed by the Head of State, by the Head of Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by the Minister responsible for radiocommunication matters. The submitted credentials must fulfill at least one of the following criteria:

- confer full powers on the delegation;
- authorize it to represent its government without restrictions; or
- give the delegation, or certain members thereof, the right to sign the Final Acts.

As a constant practice, credentials sent by fax are found not to be in order by the Plenary Meeting and, according to No. 333 of the Convention, the concerned delegations shall not be entitled to exercise the right to vote or sign the Final Acts, until the situation has been rectified.

I would also draw your attention to No. 338 of the Convention, which stipulates that credentials and transfers of powers sent by telegram shall not be accepted.

To enable your country to exercise its sovereign rights in full from the beginning of the Conference, I invite you to ensure that the competent authorities of your country send to the ITU Secretary-General the **original** of the instrument of accreditation - accompanied, as necessary, by a certified translation in one of the official languages of the Union - as soon as possible, and preferably before **8 May 2006**. The ITU Secretary-General will forward these documents to the secretariat of the RRC-06-AFR Credentials Committee. In order to facilitate the examination by the Credentials Committee, you will find attached hereto a model instrument of credentials covering all the criteria set out in the relevant provisions of the ITU Convention (see Annex 1) and the procedures for depositing credentials (see Annex 2).

Please note that credentials for this conference and for the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06) may be submitted in a single instrument (see Annex 3).

Yours faithfully,

Yoshio UTSUMI
Secretary-General

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ANNEX 1

**MODEL INSTRUMENT OF CREDENTIALS
FOR DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE**

**Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06-AFR) to revise
the Geneva 1989 Agreement**

The original of the instruments of accreditation – accompanied, as necessary, by a certified translation in one of the official languages of the Union – shall be sent to the ITU Secretary-General, as soon as possible, and preferably before 8 May 2006

(NAME OF MEMBER STATE)

CREDENTIALS

We, _____ (Head of State / Head of Government / Minister for Foreign Affairs / Minister responsible for radiocommunication matters) _____, hereby certify that the delegation of _____ (Member State) to the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06-AFR), associated in time and place with the second session of the RRC (RRC-06), to revise the Geneva 1989 Agreement with a view to harmonizing the parts of that Agreement that relate to the use of the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service with the agreement to be adopted by RRC-06 is fully empowered to represent _____ (Member State) without restrictions and to sign the Final Acts on behalf of _____ (Member State).

This delegation is constituted as follows:

1. _____, Head of Delegation,
2. _____, Deputy Head of Delegation,
3. _____, Delegate, etc.

Done at _____, on _____ 2006 by, or on behalf of:

_____ (Signature)

Official stamp

*(Head of State/
Head of Government/
Minister for Foreign Affairs/
Minister responsible for
radiocommunication matters)*

ANNEX 2

Procedures for depositing credentials

1. Where the Government is able to deposit its credentials ahead of the opening of the conference, they should be sent by registered mail, to arrive no later than 8 May 2006, to the following address:

ITU Secretary-General
External Affairs Unit
International Telecommunication Union
Place des Nations
CH – 1211 GENEVA 20

2. Where the Government wishes to deposit its credentials during the conference, they may be deposited, as from 15 May 2006, with the secretariat of the Credentials Committee .

* The location within the Conference Center of the office of the Credentials Committee will be indicated in the documentation to be provided to delegates upon registration.

ANNEX 3

**SINGLE MODEL INSTRUMENT OF CREDENTIALS
FOR DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE**

**Second session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06) and the
associated Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06-AFR) to revise
the Geneva 1989 Agreement**

***The original of the instruments of accreditation – accompanied, as necessary, by a
certified translation in one of the official languages of the Union – shall be sent
to the ITU Secretary-General, as soon as possible, and preferably
before 8 May 2006***

(NAME OF MEMBER STATE)

CREDENTIALS

**We, _____ (Head of State / Head of Government / Minister for Foreign Affairs /
Minister responsible for radiocommunication matters)_____, hereby certify that the
delegation of _____ (Member State) to the second session of the Regional
Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06) and the associated Regional Radiocommunication
Conference (RRC-06-AFR) to revise the Geneva 1989 Agreement with a view to harmonizing
the parts of that Agreement that relate to the use of the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and
470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service with the agreement to be adopted by RRC-06 is fully
empowered to represent _____ (Member State) without restrictions and to sign
the Final Acts on behalf of _____ (Member State).**

This delegation is constituted as follows:

1. _____, Head of Delegation,
2. _____, Deputy Head of Delegation,
3. _____, Delegate, etc.

Done at _____, on _____ 2006 by, or on behalf of:

_____ (Signature)

Official stamp

*(Head of State/
Head of Government/
Minister for Foreign Affairs/
Minister responsible for
radiocommunication matters)*