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

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Subject: **Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Geneva 1989 Agreement, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06-AFR)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

1. I have the honour to inform you that ITU Council-04 resolved to convene a short 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 (see Resolution 1226 in Annex 1).

2. RRC-06, to which your Government has been invited through Circular Letter No. 59/60 of 11/13 May 2005, will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 May to 16 June 2006, pursuant to Council Resolution 1224. Therefore, the short Conference (RRC-06-AFR) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in the period between 15 May and 16 June 2006, for one and a half days spread over the indicated period. The agenda of the RRC-06-AFR is contained in Council Resolution 1226 in Annex 1.

3. Pursuant to No. 282 of the Convention, Member States of the Union outside the planning area of the Regional Agreement, Geneva, 1989, shall be admitted to participate in RRC-06-AFR as observers in a non-voting capacity.

4. Member States of the Union outside the planning area of the Regional Agreement, Geneva, 1989, that wish to participate in RRC-06-AFR as observers are hereby invited to inform the ITU accordingly. For the registration of each participant, please use the attached registration form (Annex 2).

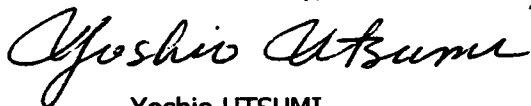
5. In order to prepare for the RRC-06-AFR, please inform the ITU by **15 December 2005** of your requirements for conference preparatory documents by returning Annex 3 to this letter, duly completed.

6. In accordance with provisions Nos. 159D to 159G of the ITU Constitution, expenses incurred by the Regional Conferences shall be borne as follows:

- i) by all the Member States of the region concerned, in accordance with their class of contribution; in this case, these expenses will be borne by the Member States from the planning area of the Regional Agreement, Geneva 1989, as defined in No. 1.8 of that Agreement;
- ii) by those Member States outside of the planning area of the Regional Agreement, Geneva 1989, if any, which will participate at the Conference in a non-voting capacity as observers, in accordance with their class of contribution;
- iii) by authorized Sector Members and other authorized organizations, if any, which will attend the Conference as observers, in accordance with provisions of the Convention.
- iv) Appropriate invoices will be addressed to the Administrations of the Member States concerned in early 2006, as well as to concerned authorized Sector Members and other authorized organizations, based on the estimates of the expenses as contained in the relevant budget documents. The final invoices will be established and sent in accordance with standard practices.

7. Provision No. 476 of the ITU Convention will apply to the organizations referred to in No. 269A to 269E of the Convention, to other organizations of an international character (unless they have been exempted by the Council subject to reciprocity) and to Sector Members, which will attend RRC-06-AFR.

Yours faithfully,



Yoshio UTSUMI
Secretary-General

Annexes: 3

ANNEX 1

RESOLUTION 1226

(Approved at the eighth Plenary Meeting)

Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Geneva 1989 Agreement, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz

The Council,

considering

- a) that the Regional Administrative Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1989) (GE89) adopted provisions and a related plan concerning the television broadcasting service in the bands 47-68 MHz, 174-230 MHz, 230-238 MHz, 246-254 MHz and 470-862 MHz, together with provisions for other primary and permitted services in the African Broadcasting Area and neighbouring countries (“the GE89 Agreement”);
- b) that, pursuant to Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003) the first session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC) for the planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in Region 1 (parts of Region 1 situated to the west of meridian 170° E and to the north of parallel 40° S, except the territory of Mongolia) and in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz was held in Geneva, from 10 to 28 May 2004;
- c) that the first session of the RRC adopted Resolution GT-PLEN/2, dealing with the recommended course of action with respect to those parts of the GE89 Agreement to be dealt with in the new regional agreement for the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz, in accordance with *resolves* 2.4 of Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003);
- d) that Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003) envisages, in *resolves* 4, convening a short conference associated in time and place with the second session of the RRC, to revise the GE89 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 adopted by the second session of the RRC,

resolves

- 1 to convene a short regional radiocommunication conference associated in time and place with the second session of the RRC (see Resolution 1224), to revise the GE89 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 adopted by the second session of the RRC;
- 2 that this conference will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in the period between 15 May and 16 June 2006, for one and a half days spread over the indicated period, with the following agenda:
 - 2.1 on the basis of proposals from Administrations, to revise the GE89 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 adopted by the second session of the RRC,

instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

to provide assistance, including the preparation and organisation of the conference referred to in *resolves 1* of this Resolution,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 to take the necessary steps for convening the conference referred to in *resolves 1* of this Resolution;

2 to ensure that the meetings of this conference are not held in parallel with those of the second session of the RRC or with meetings of any other conference to be associated in time and place with the second session of the RRC (see Resolution 1225);

3 to bring this Resolution to the attention of all Member States,

invites the Administrations from the Planning Area referred to in the GE89 Agreement

to participate actively in the preparatory work for this Conference.

ANNEX 3

Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Geneva-89 Agreement, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06-AFR)

Geneva, 1½ days between 15 May – 16 June 2006

MEMBER
STATE:

Will participate
at RRC-06-AFR
as observer in
non-voting
capacity:

Yes	No
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Probable number
of participants:

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Number of copies^{*)}:

We wish to receive ___ copies of the CD-ROM containing the preparatory documents in E/F/S/A

^{*)} Further to Council Resolution 1141, the number of CD-ROMs dispatched by mail is limited to a maximum of **five** per Member State.

Address to which these CD-ROMs should be sent (*one address please*):

(Place)

(Date)

(Signature)

To be returned by **15 December 2005** to the:

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