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Broadcasting Area

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Subject: **Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Stockholm 1961 Agreement, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06-EUR)**

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-EUR), associated in time and place with the second session of the RRC (RRC-06), to revise the Stockholm 1961 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 1225 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-EUR) 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-EUR is contained in Council Resolution 1225 in Annex 1.
3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union (General Rules) and in accordance with the relevant provisions of these General Rules, I am pleased to invite your Government to send a delegation to the RRC-06-EUR. In this respect, I would like to remind you that delegations sent by Member States to Radiocommunication Conferences must be duly accredited in accordance with Nos. 324, 326 and 328 to 331 of the Convention.
4. In accordance with the provisions of No. 8 of the General Rules, I would kindly ask you to inform the ITU at least one month before the date of opening of the RRC-06, whether your Government intends to participate. For the registration of each participant, please use the attached registration form (Annex 2).
5. In order to prepare for the RRC-06-EUR, please inform the ITU by **15 December 2005** of your requirements for conference preparatory documents by returning Annex 3 to this letter, duly completed.

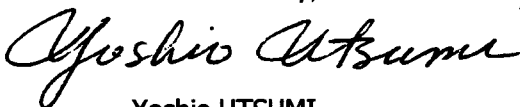
6. In accordance with provisions of Section 8 of the General Rules, I also invite you to submit your proposals for the work of the RRC-06-EUR, if deemed appropriate. These proposals should reach the ITU General Secretariat at least four months before the start of the RRC-06-EUR (No. 40 of the General Rules). The usual standards of presentation should be adhered to as far as possible.

7. 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 of the European Broadcasting Area (EBA), as defined in No. 5.14 of the Radio Regulations;
- ii) by those Member States outside of the EBA, 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.

8. 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-EUR.

Yours faithfully,



Yoshio UTSUMI
Secretary-General

Annexes: 3

ANNEX 1

RESOLUTION 1225

(Approved at the eighth Plenary Meeting)

Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Stockholm 1961 Agreement, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz

The Council,

considering

- a) that the Regional Administrative Radiocommunication Conference (Stockholm, 1961) (ST61) adopted provisions relating to the use of the broadcasting service (sound and television) in the European Broadcasting Area for the bands between 41 MHz and 960 MHz allocated on a primary basis to the broadcasting service under Article 5 of the Radio Regulations (Geneva, 1959), with the exception of the bands 68-73 MHz and 76-87.5 MHz ("ST61 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-PLN/1, dealing with the recommended course of action with respect to those parts of the ST61 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 ST61 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 ST61 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 ST61 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 of 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 1226);
3. to bring this Resolution to the attention of all Member States,

invites the Administrations from the Planning Area referred to in the ST61 Agreement

to participate actively in the preparatory work for this Conference.

ANNEX 2



REGISTRATION FORM



**Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Stockholm-61 Agreement,
in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06-EUR)
Geneva, 1½ days between 15 May – 16 June 2006**

➔ To be returned, preferably by **10 February 2006**, to the BR Secretariat (Office V.434, Fax: +41 22 730 6600)

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

Accompanied by family member (s):
(family name) (first name)

1. OFFICIAL ADDRESS

Name of the Member State:

Street Address:

City/State/Code/Country:

Business tel.: Fax:

E-mail: In case of emergency:

2. REPRESENTATION

I will **represent** the following Member State:

Function during the Conference:

- Head of Delegation
- Deputy Head
- Delegate
- Adviser
- Observer

3. DOCUMENTS

I wish to receive paper copies during the meeting: Yes No

If yes, indicate one language only: English French Spanish
 Arabic Russian

Date: Signature:

For BR Secretariat use only

Approved (if applicable)

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ANNEX 3

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MEMBER
STATE:

Will
participate
at RRC-06-
EUR:

Yes	No
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Probable
number of
participants:

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

We intend to submit proposals **YES / NO** (*delete as appropriate*).

They will amount to about **pages** and will be made available in electronic form.

They will be written in **ENGLISH / FRENCH / SPANISH / ARABIC / RUSSIAN** (*delete as appropriate*).

They will reach the Secretariat on

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Number of copies^{*)}:

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

^{*)} 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:	International Telecommunication Union Office V.434 / BR Secretariat/DMU 1211 GENEVA 20 / Switzerland Fax: +41 22 730 66 00
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