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To: The United Nations (CV269A)
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Sector Members referred to in CV229 and CV231 and organizations of an international character representing them (CV269E)

By fax

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 organization/entity has been invited through Circular Letter No. 61 of 16 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 Articles 23 and 24 of the Convention, I am pleased to invite your organization/entity to participate in RRC-06-EUR as an observer in an advisory capacity. For the registration of each participant, please use the attached registration form (Annex 2).
4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 3

**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**

Entity/ Organization:		Will participate at RRC-06-EUR as observer:	Yes	No	Probable number of participants:	
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CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

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

Address to which the CD-ROM should be sent:

(Place)

(Date)

(Signature)

To be returned by <u>15 December 2005</u> 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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