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Subject: Outcome of the 2nd ITU Regional Frequency Coordination Meeting for Central America and the Caribbean region on the use of the VHF (174-216 MHz) and the UHF (470-806 MHz) bands

Dear Madam, Sir,

The second ITU Regional Frequency Coordination Meeting on the use of the VHF band (174-216 MHz) and the UHF band (470-806 MHz) took place in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from 28 August to 1 September 2017, with the participation of 17 administrations, among the 30 invited administrations.

As a follow-up to the first meeting, which took place in Managua, Nicaragua, from 8 to 10 March 2017, this meeting was an important step forward in the regional frequency coordination process, intended to facilitate the transition from Analog to Digital Television (DTT) and the allocation of the Digital Dividend, by ensuring compatible operation for all the services and administrations involved.

The Radiocommunication Bureau informs your Administration that the Guatemala meeting adopted the following recommendations:

- 1) Administrations are invited to:
 - a) Update the MIFR with all the assignments in operation (UHF and VHF, analogue and digital) at the latest **2 months** before the next meeting (**planned for March 2018**);
 - b) Delete from the MIFR all the assignments that are no longer in operation, as well as those not intended to be put in operation within the next three months;
 - c) Delete all the analogue assignments from the MIFR for the administrations that have already completed their analogue switch off.

- 2) Administrations are also invited to inform the Radiocommunication Bureau if they wish to continue the process of submitting the requirements in the UHF and VHF bands (if not, they are kindly invited to specify which band should be considered in the process) and the portion of the frequency band to be used if part of the band is to be excluded. In case of no reply, the inputs to the questionnaire¹ will be taken into account. If no reply to the questionnaire has been submitted, the BR will continue to consider the requirements in both the VHF and UHF bands.
- 3) The compatibility analysis process, as adopted by the meeting in Managua, will remain unchanged, i.e.: an iteration every other Monday, using the latest submission if no new submission of requirements is received.
- 4) The flexible channels will not be accepted further to **one month** prior to the 3rd meeting.
- 5) Administrations are encouraged to continue to actively participate in the coordination process.

The Radiocommunication Bureau remains at the disposal of your Administration for any clarification you may require with respect to the subjects covered in this letter.

Yours faithfully,


fr/ François Rancy

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¹ The questionnaire subject to the letter 11TB(DIR/BCD)0-2017-002485 dated 29 May 2017, available from <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/Americas/Pages/questionnaire.aspx>