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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Draft modifications to the Rules of Procedure to reflect the decisions of RRC-06-Rev.ST61 and RRC-06-Rev.GE89

To the Director General

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed draft modifications to the Rules of Procedure dealing with the ST61 and GE89 Agreements. These draft modifications reflect the decisions of RRC-06-Rev.ST61 and RRC-06-Rev.GE89 to abrogate, as from 17 June 2006, the relevant provisions of the ST61 and GE89 Agreements insofar as their application in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz is concerned. It is recalled that these bands are governed, as from 17 June 2006, by the GE06 Agreement established by RRC-06.

In accordance with No. **13.17** of the Radio Regulations, these draft modifications are made available to administrations for comments before being submitted to the RRB pursuant to No. **13.14**. As indicated in No. **13.12A d)** of the Radio Regulations, any comments that you may wish to submit should reach the Bureau not later than **10 November 2006**, in order to be considered at the 42nd Meeting of the RRB, scheduled for 11-15 December 2006. All e-mail comments should be sent to: brmail@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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ANNEX 1

PART A2

Rules concerning the Regional Agreement for the European Broadcasting Area concerning the use of frequencies by the broadcasting service in the VHF and UHF bands (Stockholm, 1961) (ST61)

1 **Scope of the Agreement**

Following the revisions of the ST61 Agreement, carried out in 1985 and 2006, and in accordance with the Table of Frequency Allocations contained in Article 5 of the Radio Regulations (edition of 2004), the ST61 Agreement governs, as from 17 June 2006, the use of the following frequency bands by the broadcasting service (television) within the European Broadcasting Area:

- 47–68 MHz;
- 87.5–100 MHz, and
- 162–170 MHz.

Reasons: *In view of the decisions of RRC-06-Rev.ST61 to abrogate, as from 17 June 2006, the provisions of the ST61 Agreement insofar as their application in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz (for Morocco, 170-230 MHz) and 470-862 MHz is concerned, and given the current allocations to the broadcasting service in the European Broadcasting Area as per Article 5 of the Radio Regulations (edition of 2004), the scope of the ST61 Agreement, as from 17 June 2006, is limited to the above-mentioned frequency bands.*

~~21~~ **Receivability of notices**

(No change to the remainder of the Rule, except the renumbering).

ANNEX 2

PART A6

Rules concerning the Regional Agreement relating to the planning of VHF/UHF television broadcasting in the African Broadcasting Area and neighbouring countries (Geneva, 1989) (GE89)

1 Scope of the Agreement

1.1 Following the revision of the GE89 Agreement, carried out in 2006 by the RRC-06-Rev.GE89, and in accordance with the Table of Frequency Allocations contained in Article 5 of the Radio Regulations (edition of 2004), the GE89 Agreement governs, as from 17 June 2006, the use of the frequency band 47–68 MHz, by the television broadcasting service and by other primary terrestrial services which have allocations in this band (see also paragraph 4 hereunder), within the planning area of this Agreement (the African Broadcasting Area as defined in Nos **5.10** to **5.13** of the Radio Regulations (edition of 2004) and the following neighbouring countries: Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Yemen (including those parts of Yemen that are situated outside of the African Broadcasting Area)).

1.2 The Plan annexed to the GE89 Agreement also contains those frequency assignments to television broadcasting stations, in the bands 230-238 MHz and 246-254 MHz, from the Member States listed in No. 5.252 of the Radio Regulations, for which the procedure No. 9.21 of the Radio Regulations was successfully completed.

***Reasons:** In view of the decisions of RRC-06-Rev.GE89 to abrogate, as from 17 June 2006, the provisions of the GE89 Agreement insofar as their application in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz is concerned, and given the current allocations to the broadcasting service in the Planning Area of the GE89 Agreement as per Article 5 of the Radio Regulations (edition of 2004), the scope of the GE89 Agreement, as from 17 June 2006, is limited to the above-mentioned frequency bands.*

21 Receivability of notices

(No change to this part of the Rule, except renumbering).

32 Execution of the Agreement

(No change to this part of the Rule, except renumbering).

43 Examination of notices related to the non-planned services in the bands governed by the Regional Agreement GE89

43.1 Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of Article 5 of the GE89 Agreement specifies the procedure to be followed for the examination of the notices related to the non-planned primary services in the bands governed by the Agreement. The bands and the services concerned are summarized in the Table below.

TABLE

Frequency band (MHz)	Services and countries within the planning area	Provisions	Notes
47-68	FIXED: AFS, AGL, BOT, BDI, CME, COD, COG, IRN, LSO, MDG, MLI, MOZ, MWI, NMB, RRW, SOM, SDN, SWZ, TCD, TZA, ZWE	5.165 5.167 5.171	1
	MOBILE(-AER): AFS, AGL, BOT, BDI, CME, COD, COG, LSO, MDG, MLI, MOZ, MWI, NMB, RRW, SOM, SDN, SWZ, TCD, TZA, ZWE	5.165 5.171	1
	MOBILE: IRN	5.167	
174-223	Fixed: IRN Mobile: IRN		
223-230	Fixed: IRN Mobile: IRN Aeronautical radionavigation: ARS, BHR, IRN, OMA, QAT, UAE	5.247	
230-238	FIXED: from all parties to the Agreement (excepting those referred to in No. 5.252)		2
	MOBILE: from all parties to the Agreement (excepting those referred to in No. 5.252)	5.247	<u>2</u>
	AERO. RADIONAV.: ARS, BHR, IRN, OMA, QAT, UAE	5.247	3
246-254	FIXED: from all parties to the Agreement (excepting those referred to in No. 5.252)		2
	MOBILE: from all parties to the Agreement (excepting those referred to in No. 5.252)		
470-790	Fixed: IRN Mobile: IRN		
790-862	Fixed: from all parties to the Agreement		
	Mobile: IRN		

NOTE 1 – The additional allocations to countries referred to in No. **5.171** are limited to the band 54-68 MHz.

NOTE 2 – In the frequency bands 230-238 MHz and 246-254 MHz, in the examinations under § 5.2 of the Agreement, account is taken of only those frequency assignments in the broadcasting service which are entered into the Plan following a successful application of the procedure referred to in No. **9.21**, as required by Resolution 1 (GE89) and No. **5.252**.

NOTE 3 – As the additional allocation to countries referred to in No. **5.247** is limited to the band 223-235 MHz, the procedures of § 5.2 of Article 5 of the GE89 Agreement apply in the band 230-235 MHz only.

~~43.2~~ The frequency assignment notices related to the aeronautical radionavigation service of Nigeria, whose allocation is governed by No. **5.251**, shall not be subject to the examinations referred to in § 5.2 of Article 5 of the Agreement, since these notices are subject to the application of the procedure of No. **9.21**.

~~43.3~~ The frequency assignment notices related to land mobile services from ~~and~~ countries referred to in Nos. **5.164**, ~~5.235~~, ~~5.243~~ and ~~5.316~~ shall not be subject to the examinations requested by § 5.2 of Article 5 of the Agreement, since their allocation is subject to not causing harmful interference to, or claiming protection from, the broadcasting service. Consequently they will be recorded in the Master Register under the conditions of No. **5.43** vis-à-vis the broadcasting service (Symbol R in Column 13B2).

Reasons: *To reflect the decisions of RRC-06-Rev.GE89 to abrogate, as from 17 June 2006, the provisions of the GE89 Agreement insofar as their application in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz is concerned, and given the current allocations to the broadcasting service in the African Broadcasting Area as per Article 5 of the Radio Regulations (edition of 2004).*