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Circular Letter  
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## To Administrations of Member States of the ITU\*

**Subject:** Regulatory arrangements for processing of frequency assignment/allotment notices in the bands governed by the Regional Agreements ST61, GE89 and GE06

**References:** Final Acts of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06)

Final Acts of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Stockholm 1961 Agreement (RRC-06-Rev.ST61)

Final Acts of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the revision of the Geneva 1989 Agreement (RRC-06-Rev.GE89)

### To the Director General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 In accordance with its terms of reference, the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06), which was held in Geneva from 15 May to 16 June 2006, adopted the *Regional Agreement relating to 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 (Geneva, 2006)*, as well as the associated Resolutions contained in the Final Acts of RRC-06<sup>1</sup>. In parallel actions, the RRC-06-Rev.ST61 and RRC-06-Rev.GE89, which were held in Geneva during the same period, adopted protocols revising certain parts of the Stockholm 1961 and Geneva 1989 Agreements, by which these Conferences harmonized the scopes of the three agreements (notably ST61, GE89 and GE06), as well as the relevant dates of entry into force and the dates of provisional application.

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\* *This Circular Letter is primarily addressed to the Member States of Region 1 (except Mongolia) and to the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is for information only for other Member States.*

<sup>1</sup> The Final Acts of RRC-06, RRC-06-Rev.ST61 and RRC-06-Rev.GE89 are available at <http://www.itu.int/md/R06-RRC.06-R-0001/en>, <http://www.itu.int/md/R06-RRC.06.EUR-R-0001/en> and <http://www.itu.int/md/R06-RRC.06.AFR-R-0001/en>, respectively.

2 As a result of the decisions of these three Conferences, the three Regional Agreements (GE06, ST61 and GE89) govern, as from 17 June 2006, the following frequency bands and radiocommunication services, within the regions defined in each of these Regional Agreements:

- the newly established Regional Agreement GE06 governs the use of the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service and other primary terrestrial services within the planning area defined in the GE06 Agreement (those parts of Region 1 that are situated to the west of meridian 170° E and to the north of parallel 40° S (except the territory of Mongolia) and the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran). In addition, and during the applicable transition period (until 17 June 2015), the GE06 also governs the use of the frequency band 170-174 MHz by the analogue television broadcasting service in Morocco;
- the Regional Agreement ST61 governs the use of the frequency bands 47-68 MHz, 87.5-100 MHz and 162-170 MHz by the broadcasting service (television) in the European Broadcasting Area as defined in No. 5.14 of the Radio Regulations (edition of 2004);
- the Regional Agreement GE89 governs the use of the frequency band 47-68 MHz by the broadcasting and other primary terrestrial services in 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). The Plan annexed to the GE89 Agreement will continue to include 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.

3 In view of the above, and given other decisions of RRC-06, the frequency assignment/allotment notices related to stations in the broadcasting service (analogue and digital) and in other primary terrestrial services, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz, which are situated in the planning area defined in the GE06 Agreement, are henceforth receivable only in electronic form (see §4.1.2.5 and 4.2.2.4 of the GE06 Agreement).

3.1 The Bureau is currently developing the relevant electronic formats for submission of frequency assignment/allotment notices in these bands, for the application of the procedures of Articles 4 and 5 of the GE06 Agreement, based on the specifications in Annex 3 to that Agreement, and they will be subject of separate circular letters.

3.2 Notices in these bands, which are submitted after 16 June 2006 in the current formats, i.e. either on paper forms, or in the electronic formats specified in Circular Letters CR/120 (for the broadcasting service) and CR/118 (for services other than broadcasting) will be treated as non-receivable and will be returned to the submitting administration.

3.3 For the remaining bands that will continue to be governed by the ST61 and GE89 Agreements (notably, 47-68 MHz, 87.5-100 MHz, 162-170 MHz, 230-238 MHz and 246-254 MHz), the administrations may continue to submit notices in the formats specified in Circular Letters CR/120 (for the broadcasting service) and CR/118 (for services other than broadcasting).

4 With respect to the notices submitted prior to 17 June 2006 that relate to the frequency bands 174-230 MHz (for Morocco, 170-230 MHz) and 470-862 MHz, and in view of the decisions of the RRC-06, RRC-06-Rev.ST61 and RRC-06-Rev.GE89, the following course of action will be implemented:

4.1 All proposals for modification to the ST61 and GE89 Plans, under the Plan modification procedures governed by Article 4 of the ST61 and GE89 Agreements, in the bands 174-230 MHz (for Morocco, 170-230 MHz) and 470-862 MHz, which did not result in a Plan entry up to and including BR IFIC No. 2569 of 16 May 2006 (i.e., up to and including Special Sections ST61/1514 and GE89/28) will be deleted from the databases of the Radiocommunication Bureau (see Resolutions COM4/2 (RRC-06-Rev.ST61) and COM4/2 (RRC-06-Rev.GE89)). The non-processed frequency assignment notices from this category, received by the Bureau prior to 17 June 2006, will be returned to the notifying administrations. Furthermore, the Bureau will take no action with respect to the objections formulated by administrations regarding the frequency assignments in the bands 174-230 MHz (for Morocco, 170-230 MHz) and 470-862 MHz, which were published in the concerned Special Sections (i.e., up to and including Special Sections ST61/1514 and GE89/28).

4.2 All submissions under Article 11 of the Radio Regulations, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz (for Morocco, 170-230 MHz) and 470-862 MHz, which were received by the Bureau prior to 17 June 2006, will be processed and examined in accordance with the regulatory provisions that were in force at the time of receipt of the complete notice concerned and the relevant findings will be formulated accordingly (see, however, paragraph 5 hereunder). The Article 11 notices in these bands, which are related to stations situated in the planning area, and which are received after 16 June 2006, will be considered as non-receivable if they are submitted in the old formats and will be returned to the notifying administration.

5 After the completion of the actions referred to in paragraph 4.2 above, the Bureau will include in its databases, the broadcasting Plans (analogue and digital) adopted by RRC-06 and the List of assignments to other primary services. The Bureau will accordingly review the findings of the frequency assignments recorded in the MIFR in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz (for Morocco, 170-230 MHz) and 470-862 MHz, so as to establish their conformity with the relevant Plans (see provision No. 12.3 of the GE06 Agreement) and their relationship with the List.

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

Yours faithfully,

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