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**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members
participating in the work of the Radiocommunication Study Groups and the Special
Committee on Regulatory/Procedural Matters**

Subject: Questionnaire on possible terrestrial candidate frequency bands for the future development of IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000

The Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) meeting, held on 22-26 November 2004, discussed the topic of Questionnaires and prepared provisional guidelines for preparation of questionnaires and provisional guidelines for the evaluation and analysis of answers received.

The Chairman of Study Group 8 has requested that a Questionnaire agreed by Working Party 8F be dispatched. While the Questionnaire does not fully comply with the guidelines developed by the RAG, the reasons for this exceptional request are included in the letter at Attachment 1.

Accordingly, at the request of the Chairman of Study Group 8, the attached Questionnaire on possible terrestrial candidate frequency bands for the future development of IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000 is published for consideration of the Administrations of Member States, Sector Members and Associates, as appropriate. The Radiocommunication Bureau does not make any engagement nor assume any responsibility with respect to the content of the attachment or any follow-up action as may be required.. The Questionnaire is also available from the Working Party 8F web page: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg8/rwp8f/index.asp>.

Please note that Administrations who do not wish to, or are unable to, respond to this Questionnaire, or parts thereof, are invited to advise Working Party 8F so that this information can be taken into account.

Valery Timofeev
Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

Attachments: 1 – Letter from the Chairman, Study Group 8
2 – Questionnaire (electronic attachment)

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- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Conference Preparatory Meeting
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- Secretary-General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

Attachment 1

3 December 2004

To: Mr. V. Timofeev
Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

Cc: Mr. S. Blust, Chairman, Working Party 8F,
Mr C. Langtry, ITU

QUESTIONNAIRE ON CANDIDATE FREQUENCY BANDS FOR IMT-2000

Dear Mr. Timofeev,

The fourteenth meeting of Working Party 8F, 13 to 20 October 2004, finalized a "Questionnaire on possible terrestrial candidate frequency bands for the future development of IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000". It was prepared by Working Party 8F in response to WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.4. It is necessary to obtain the information requested in the questionnaire to proceed with this agenda item. The 220 participants at the meeting, representing some 25 Member States and 57 Sector Members/Associates, unanimously approved the questionnaire and requested that it be sent out as a Circular Letter.

Since then, the RAG meeting on 22-26 November 2004 discussed the topic of Questionnaires and prepared provisional guidelines for preparation of questionnaires and provisional guidelines for the evaluation and analysis of answers received.

The Questionnaire prepared by Working Party 8F does not fully comply with the guidelines prepared by RAG. In particular, the questions are not formulated in such a manner that a "yes" or "no" reply could clearly satisfy its objective. Nonetheless, I would request that you proceed to dispatch exceptionally the Questionnaire, recognizing that :

- It was developed over a period of 4 meetings, starting in October 2003;
- It was agreed by all Member States attending the WP 8F meetings;
- It was agreed before the guidelines were prepared by RAG;
- Its format cannot readily be changed to fully comply with the Guidelines – any such change would need to be done by WP 8F which would inevitably cause delay in its issuance;
- Further delay in issuing the Questionnaire would seriously limit WP 8F's ability to conduct the necessary studies in preparation for WRC Agenda Item 1.4;
- Some Administrations / Sector Members / Associates may already have prepared replies, based upon the text adopted by WP 8F.

As requested in the provisional guidelines for preparation of questionnaires, provision should be made on the Questionnaire to allow an indication of abstention from responding. In terms of the evaluation and analysis of answers received, I would request that WP 8F take into account the provisional guidelines prepared by the RAG.

Yours sincerely,

C. van Diepenbeek
Chairman, Study Group 8

Attachment 2



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