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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU¹

Subject: Post-conference activities resulting from the decisions of the first session 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-04): actions towards the establishment of the list of existing and planned assignments of primary services other than broadcasting.

To the Director-General

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. In accordance with the decisions of the first session 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-04), which was held in Geneva from 10 to 28 May 2004, the Radiocommunication Bureau informed your administration on the results of RRC-04 and brought to the attention of your administration the Resolutions adopted by RRC-04 that are relevant for the preparation of the Member States for the second session of the RRC (see Circular letter CR/214 of 25 June 2004). In that Circular letter the Bureau indicated that it will address other aspects of the inter-sessional activities in separate communications. This Circular letter addresses some issues regarding the establishment of the list of existing and planned assignments of primary services other than broadcasting.

2. As you are certainly aware, RRC-04 considered the issues regarding the protection of the primary service, other than broadcasting, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz, in accordance with its terms of reference. In this connection, RRC-04 adopted the definition of existing and planned assignments that are to be taken into account in the design of the new plan for digital terrestrial broadcasting in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz. This definition is included in §1.7.2 of Chapter 1 of the Report of the first session of the conference to the

¹ 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.

second session of the conference (see Annex to Resolution 1 from RRC-04). According to this definition, the existing and planned assignments of primary services other than broadcasting have been divided into three categories, notably:

- assignments notified to the Radiocommunication Bureau and recorded in the Master International Frequency Register (MIFR) by 31 December 1989 with a favourable finding with respect to the applicable provisions of the Radio Regulations (RR), and without complaint of harmful interference received by the Radiocommunication Bureau;
- assignments notified to the Radiocommunication Bureau and recorded or considered as being recorded in the MIFR between 31 December 1989 and 10 May 2004 with a favourable finding with respect to the applicable provisions of the RR, and without complaint of harmful interference received by the Radiocommunication Bureau;
- assignments notified to the Radiocommunication Bureau after 10 May 2004 which have been successfully coordinated by 31 October 2005.

3. This Circular letter deals with the first category of assignments (i.e., assignments notified to the Radiocommunication Bureau and recorded in the MIFR by 31 December 1989 with a favourable finding). Based on the decisions of the RRC-04, the Bureau extracted, from the MIFR, the frequency assignments to stations of terrestrial services entering into this category, and the extracted data in the form of a MS Access container (mdb format) as well as the summary information in a pdf format can be found on the CD-ROM attached to this Circular letter. Administrations are invited to study their frequency assignments included in this CD-ROM and, in accordance with Resolution COM5/1, Annex 2, Note 1 of RRC-04, they are requested to indicate to the Bureau those frequency assignments from this list that are to be taken into account in the planning process. It is recalled that, in accordance with the decisions of the RRC-04, administrations would need to indicate explicitly the frequency assignments that are to be taken into account in the planning process. If no explicit indication is submitted from the notifying administration concerned by 31 October 2005, the concerned assignments will not be taken into account in the planning process even though they were eligible for protection.

4. To facilitate the examinations of the concerned assignments from this category, for each Member State from the Planning Area, separate national extracts (if assignments exist) in the form of a MS Access container have been also included on the CD-ROM, for appropriate follow-up action.

5. The other two categories of existing and planned assignments of primary services other than broadcasting that are described in § 1.7.2 of Chapter 1 of the Report (i.e., the frequency assignments notified between 31 December 1989 and 10 May 2004; the frequency assignments notified after 10 May 2004) will be dealt with in separate circulars letters.

6. It should be noted that there is no recorded frequency assignment, in accordance with RR No. 5.304, to a radio astronomy station in the African Broadcasting Area falling into the first category of assignments, and no recorded frequency assignment to a station in the mobile-satellite service from administrations mentioned in RR No. 5.319. Bearing in mind Resolution COM4/1 (RRC-04) and in particular *considering c*), assignments of the broadcasting satellite service subject to RR No. 5.311 have not been included into the extracted data.

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7. 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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