RESOLUTION GT-PLEN/2

Recommended course of action with respect to those parts of the Geneva 1989 Agreement to be dealt with in the new regional agreement for the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz

The first session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2004),

considering

a) that the Regional Administrative Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1989) (GE89) adopted provisions and a related plan concerning the television broadcasting service in the bands 47-68 MHz, 174-230 MHz, 230-238 MHz, 246-254 MHz and 470-862 MHz, together with provisions for other primary and permitted services in the African Broadcasting Area and neighbouring countries;

b) that Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003) resolves that the agenda of this session is to include making a proposal on the recommended course of action with respect to those parts of the agreements referred to in *considering a)* to be dealt with in the new regional agreement for the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz;

c) that Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003) resolves to convene a conference of short duration immediately after the second session of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC), to revise the relevant parts of the agreement referred to in *considering a)*;

d) that some Member States are included in the planning areas of both the Stockholm, 1961 (ST61) and GE89 Agreements;

e) that the costs associated with the conference mentioned in *considering c)* above need to be identified separately from those associated with the second session of RRC and could be minimized by associating this conference in time and place with the second session of RRC,

further considering

a) that the report to the second session of RRC recommends that RRC, at its second session, adopt a new agreement to govern the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz, which would include plans for the analogue and digital broadcasting services, as well as regulatory procedures to address sharing situations within the broadcasting service and between the broadcasting service and other primary services;

b) that preparation for the conference referred to in *considering c)* above should start as early as possible, making maximum use of informal consultations,

noting

that unnecessary complexity may be avoided by having all the provisions and procedures relating to the frequency bands concerned by RRC gathered in a single agreement adopted by the second session of RRC, rather than in two agreements, one to be adopted by the second session of RRC and one revising the current GE89 Agreement,

resolves to recommend

1 that the Council, at its 2004 session, amend *resolves* 4 of Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003) in order to convene a short conference associated in time and place with the second session of RRC, and to be concluded immediately after it, to revise the GE89 Agreement, with a view to harmonizing the parts of that agreement that relate to the use of the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz by the broadcasting service with the agreement adopted by the second session of RRC;

2 to ensure that the meetings of this short conference are not held in parallel with those of the second session of RRC or with meetings of the other short conference which may be associated with RRC in time and place (see Resolution GT-PLEN/1);

3 that the date of entry into force of the revisions decided by this short conference should be the date of entry into force of the new agreement adopted by the second session of RRC;

4 that the revision should be provisionally applicable as from the end of the short conference,

instructs the Secretary-General

to bring this resolution to the attention of the Council at its 2004 session.