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The European VHF/UHF Broadcasting Conference (Stockholm, 1961) adopted provisions (herein referred to as the ST61 Agreement) relating to the use of the broadcasting service (sound and television) in the European Broadcasting Area for the bands between 41 MHz and 960 MHz, with the exception of the bands 68-73 MHz and 76-87.5 MHz.

The Regional Administrative Conference for the Planning of VHF/UHF Television Broadcasting in the African Broadcasting Area and Neighbouring Countries (Geneva, 1989) adopted provisions and a related plan (herein referred to as the GE89 Agreement) 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.

After several consultations initiated in 2000 regarding the convening of a regional radiocommunication conference (RRC) and the future planning of the broadcasting service in the bands 174-230 MHz (VHF) and 470-862 MHz (UHF), the Plenipotentiary Conference adopted Resolution 117 (Marrakesh, 2002), which determines the planning area for the regional radiocommunication conference relating to the planning of terrestrial digital television and sound broadcasting in these bands.

The Council, at its 2003 session, modified Resolution 1185 to take into account the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference and to establish the agendas of the two sessions of RRC.

Pursuant to Council Resolution 1185 (modified, 2003), this report is meant to provide the basis for the work of the second session of RRC, the necessary bases to facilitate planning exercises prior to the second session of RRC and the form in which the requirements of administrations should be submitted.