

RECOMMENDATION 485-2

**USE OF TIME SCALES IN THE FIELD
OF STANDARD-FREQUENCY AND TIME SERVICES**

(Question 1/7)

(1974-1982-1990)

The CCIR,

CONSIDERING

- (a) that the International Atomic Time scale has been defined by the General Conference of Weights and Measures, 1971;
- (b) that in accordance with Recommendation 460, the UTC time scale has been generally accepted since 1972;
- (c) that the World Administrative Radio Conference (Geneva, 1979), has decided that UTC shall be used in international radiocommunication activities;
- (d) that UTC and TAI are closely related and differ only by a known integral number of seconds;
- (e) that the time-service laboratories, in accordance with Recommendation 458, should relate datings to their own time scale UTC(k),

UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS

that time data should be issued wherever possible either with reference to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) or to International Atomic Time (TAI).
