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Subject: **Invitation to a Multilateral Frequency Coordination Meeting on the band
470 – 862 MHz, 30 to 31 March 2017, ITU Headquarters, Geneva**

Dear Madam, Sir,

In 2013, the ITU hosted the 1st Frequency Coordination Meeting of the Black Sea, Caspian Sea and Central Asian countries in order to coordinate the future use of the band 470 – 860 MHz (see Summary in Annex). The participating administrations however, decided to temporarily suspend the activity of this Group pending the decisions of WRC-15 concerning the 700 MHz band.

Since WRC-15, a need for the resumption of such activities has been raised at various ITU-R meetings and in informal discussions.

On 22 December 2016, the Administration of Azerbaijan sent to the Radiocommunication Bureau a request to assist in the organization of a multilateral coordination meeting on the UHF band for the countries of the Caspian Sea and Central Asia.

Given the recent developments in the establishment of the Black Sea Digital Dividend Implementation Forum (BSDDIF), which deals with the re-arrangement of the UHF band and comprises the Black Sea countries, it appears important to extend such activities to the Caspian Sea and Central Asia region and create the relevant Coordination Group to resume the work of the Group established in 2013.

The objectives of this Group could include facilitating frequency coordination of all radio services operating in the frequency range of 470 - 862 MHz, thus facilitating the development of these services in the context of the transition to digital terrestrial television and the allocation of the resulting digital dividend. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Turkey, Tajikistan Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan which are the administrations of the Caspian Sea and neighboring countries located in the GE06 planning area, could participate in this Group.

Following informal consultations, I am pleased to invite your Administration to a Multilateral Frequency Coordination Meeting on the band 470 - 862 MHz which will take place in the ITU Headquarters, Geneva, on 30 to 31 March 2017 during the block meeting of ITU-R Study Group 6 on the Broadcasting Service. You are kindly invited to confirm your participation in this Frequency Coordination Meeting by informing the ITU-R Event Registration Service (itu-r.registrations@itu.int) of the names of your representatives.

The BR remains at the disposal of your Administration to provide any assistance that it may require.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'François Rancy', with a stylized, flowing script.

François Rancy

Annex: Summary of the 1st meeting of the Black Sea, Caspian Sea and Central Asia Group on frequency coordination matters in the band 470-862 MHz (English only)