

HARMONIZATION IN THE AMERICAS OF THE SPECTRUM FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION AND DISASTER RELIEF

The XVI meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications,

CONSIDERING:

- a) That Resolution [GT PLEN-2/5] (WRC-2000) of World Radiocommunications Conference (Istanbul, 2000) resolved to invite ITU-R to:

“1) to study, as a matter of urgency, which frequency bands could be used at the world and regional levels by the administrations that wish to introduce in the future solutions for the public protection agencies and organizations that deal with emergency situations and disaster relief operations;

2) to study, as a matter of urgency, the regulatory provisions necessary to identify the standardized frequency bands for these purposes at the world and regional levels;

3) to conduct studies with a view to drafting a resolution in which the technical and operational bases are determined for the world and cross-border circulation of radiocommunication equipment in emergency situations and disaster relief operations”.

- b) That the results of the studies requested by the resolution [GT PLEN-2/5] will be reported to WRC-03 which will take the appropriate measures in accordance with agenda item 1.3 which reads as follows:

“to consider identification of globally/regionally harmonized bands, to the extent practicable, for the implementation of future advanced solutions to meet the needs of public protection agencies, including those dealing with emergency situations and disaster relief, and to make regulatory provisions, as necessary, taking into account Resolution **645/[GT PLEN-2/5] (WRC-2000)**,”

- c) That Document PCC.III/doc.1663/00 contains relevant information about terminology for emergency telecommunications, and
- d) That Information should be gathered on the globally and regionally harmonized frequency bands for future advanced solutions that meet the needs of public protection agencies and organizations involved in emergency situations and disaster

¹ document PCC.III/doc.1713/00 rev.1

relief operations, with a view to contributing towards the development of Inter-American proposals for the WRC-2000 as necessary,

RECOGNIZING:

That adequate communication systems will undoubtedly facilitate the maintenance of law and order, which is important, but having the appropriate spectrum that permits efficient communication through globally harmonized frequency bands is even more important when an efficient response to safeguard lives and property is required in emergency situations and catastrophes.

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the questionnaire to determine the status of global harmonization of the spectrum for public protection and disaster relief operations which is contained in the annex to this Resolution.
2. To request the Member Countries to fill out the questionnaire and send it in to the Executive Secretary.

INSTRUCTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

To distribute the Questionnaire to the Member Countries and to duly inform the latter of the options for filling out and returning the same.

ANNEX 1

QUESTIONNAIRE TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF GLOBAL HARMONIZATION THE SPECTRUM FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS

- 1.- Which frequency band does your administration use for protection and disaster relief organizations?
- 2.- Which technology do you use?
- 3.- Who operates these services in your administration?
- 4.- How are the frequencies assigned?
- 5.- What plans or agreements does your administration have with neighboring countries for these services?
- 6.- What plans does your administration have with respect to the allocation of the spectrum for these services?
- 7.-What procedures are used by your administration to coordinate these services?
- 8.- What regulatory provisions does your administration have to identify the harmonized bands for these services?
- 9.- Would you be willing to prepare a resolution that sets out the technical and operational bases for the world and cross-border circulation of radiocommunication equipment in emergency situations and disaster relief operations?
- 10.-What is the status of public protection communications operations in the frequency band 821-824 MHz and 866-869 MHz in your administration?