UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Agenda Item 7: to consider possible changes in response to Resolution 86 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference: “Advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks”, in accordance with Resolution 86 (Rev. WRC-07)

Issue: Modifications to No. 11.49 to clarify when an administration must inform the Bureau of a suspended network.

Background Information: No. 11.49 of the Radio Regulations allows for the use of a recorded assignment to a space station to be suspended for a finite period of time. The Rule of Procedure for No. 11.49 clarifies the time limit (two years) and states that suspensions may be effected by the administration either at its own initiative or in response to an inquiry by the BR under No. 13.6. During the BR’s recent review of the Master Register for the C, Ku and Ka bands, almost half of the recent inquiries made under No. 13.6 resulted in suspensions under No. 11.49. In some cases, the operation was actually suspended many months before the BR inquiry under No. 13.6, but the BR was not informed until after the inquiry.

This document modifies No. 11.49 to quantify “as soon as possible” and proposes a period of “six months” to minimize delays or situations where the suspension is announced and the two year period begins after operation was actually suspended. This proposal modifies No. 11.49 to separate the declaration of suspension from the declaration of resumption to improve clarity in the formulation of this regulatory provision and provide certainty on the actual date of bringing the assignment back into regular operation.

Proposal:

ARTICLE 11
Notification and recording of frequency assignments
Section II – Examination of notices and recording of frequency assignments in the Master Register

11.49 Where the use of a recorded assignment to a space station is suspended for a period not exceeding eighteen months, the notifying administration shall, as soon as possible, but no later than six months from the date on which the use was suspended, inform the Bureau of the date on which such use was suspended. The notifying administration shall also inform the Bureau and of the date on which the assignment is to be brought back into regular use within 30 days of the assignment being brought back into use. The latter date of the assignment being brought back into use shall not exceed two years from the date of suspension.
**Reasons:** Establishes a six-month period for the administration to notify the Bureau of the network’s suspension and clarifies when an administration needs to inform the Bureau that the network has been brought back into use.