UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Dear Mr. Abelson:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration on, behalf of the Executive Branch Agencies, wishes to bring to your attention an additional approved draft preliminary Executive Branch view considering federal agency inputs toward the development of U.S. preliminary views for WRC-2007. The enclosed preliminary view addresses agenda item 7.2.

The enclosure is forwarded for review by the Commission. Jim Vorhies of my staff is the primary contact for NTIA.

Sincerely

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PRELIMINARY VIEW ON WRC-07

Agenda Item 7.2[1]: to recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda for the next WRC, and to give its views on the preliminary agenda for the subsequent conference and on possible agenda items for future conferences, taking into account Resolution **803 (WRC-03);**

ISSUE: WRC agendas have grown increasingly complex and have included repetitious items or items that become repetitious due to lack of maturity in studies. This has placed undue burden on the ITU-R and administrations seeking to address these issues.

BACKGROUND: This was first recognized in Resolution **71 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)** where the Plenipotentiary Conference noted the increasingly complex and lengthy agendas for WRCs. Resolution **80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)** of the Plenipotentiary Conference and Resolution **72 (WRC-2000)** recognized the positive contribution of regional and informal groups and the need for improved efficiency and fiscal prudence.

It should also be noted that the WRC-2007 and other recent WRC agendas, contain items which do not modify the Radio Regulations, only assess studies, or have appeared in substance upon the agendas of other recent WRCs. Prior to WRC-03 the U.S. submitted draft resolutions to address this issue by limiting the scope of WRCs to allocation, allotment or assignment matters and regulatory aspects necessary to implement an allocation, allotment or assignment.

Based on this U.S. contribution and other Administration contributions WRC-03 established Recommendation **800 (WRC-03)**, Principles for establishing agendas for world radiocommunication conferences.

U.S. VIEW: The United States fully supports the recommendations found in Recommendation **800 (WRC-03)** and further believes that WRC agendas should be limited to those items of a world-wide character that address allocation, allotment, or assignment matters and regulatory aspects necessary to implement an allocation, allotment, or assignment. The United States also supports limiting the roll over of agenda items from one conference to the next. Prior to an issue being placed on an agenda item the studies should be sufficiently mature to enable completion of consideration of the technical and regulatory aspects prior to WRC consideration. Issues that are not able to be resolved at a particular conference should not be rolled over more than three times. A need to roll an agenda item over repeatable indicates that the issue is not mature enough for consideration by a conference. (January 21, 2005)

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