UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Donald Abelson
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Dear Mr. Abelson:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, on behalf of the Executive Branch Agencies, has approved the release of an additional draft Executive Branch (NTIA) proposal for WRC-03. This proposal considers the federal agency inputs toward the development of U.S. Proposals for WRC-03.

The enclosed document contains the second proposal drafted that addresses agenda item 1.10.1. This proposal is forwarded for your consideration and review by your WRC-03 Advisory Committee. Jim Vorhies from my staff will contact Alexander Roytblat and reconcile any differences between NTIA and FCC views.

Sincerely,

for

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Office of Spectrum Management

Enclosure

United States of America

DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Agenda Item 1.10.1: to consider the results of studies, and take necessary actions, relating to exhaustion of the maritime mobile service identity numbering resource (Resolution **344 (WRC-97)**);

Background Information: This agenda item addresses the potential of an impending exhaustion of the Maritime Mobile Service Identities (MMSI) numbering resource. Resolution **344** instructs the Radiocommunication Bureau to monitor the status of the MMSI resource and report the status to each WRC.

A second issue that can affect the MMSI numbering resource is potential assignment to aircraft stations. Aircraft used for SAR purposes may have a need to establish aircraft-to-ship communications using DSC-equipped radios or using universal shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS). This AIS communications requirement is addressed in ITU-R M 1371-1, which includes a message to be used for SAR aircraft position report and requires the use of an MMSI.

Proposal:

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19.30 2) As the need arises, ship stations and ship earth stations to which the provisions of Chapter **IX** apply, and coast stations, ~~or~~ coast earth stations <u>or aeronautical stations</u> capable of communicating with such ship stations, shall have assigned to them maritime mobile service identities in accordance with Section VI of this Article.

Reasons: Permits MMSIs to be assigned to aeronautical stations that require communications to ship stations.

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19.99 § 39 When a station[5] in the maritime mobile service, ~~or~~ the maritime mobile-satellite service, <u>or the aeronautical mobile service</u> is required to use maritime mobile service identities, the responsible administration shall assign the identity to the station in accordance with the provisions described in Nos. **19.100** to **19.126**; in so doing, it should take into account the relevant ITU-R and ITU-T Recommendations. In accordance with No. **20.16,** administrations shall notify the Bureau immediately when assigning maritime mobile service identities

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19.100 § 40 1) Maritime mobile service identities are formed of a series of nine digits which are transmitted over the radio path in order to uniquely identify ship stations, ship earth stations, coast stations, coast earth stations<u>, aeronautical stations,</u> and group calls.

Reasons: Consequential change to **19.30**.