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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Rules of Procedure

References: Numbers 1001 and 1001.1 of the Radio Regulations
Circular-letters CR/32 of 5 December 1994, CR/39 of 3 July 1995,
CR/46 of 24 November 1995, CR/48 of 16 February 1996,
CR/59 of 10 October 1996, CR/60 of 29 November 1996,
CR/69 of 18 March 1997

To the Director General

Background

The Bureau has received notices under the ST61 Agreement proposing to use digital modulation. These notices were published with "T1" as the television standard, along with an explanation of this symbol. Two administrations objected to these publications, pending a coordination meeting of interested administrations. Other notices are in the process of being published.

Pending confirmation of studies by the ITU-R and a possible later review of the ST61 Agreement by its contracting members, it is felt that its coordination distances may also be used in the case of digital television. The following interim Rule of Procedure has been adopted by the Radio Regulations Board.

(Part A2 ST61)

Proposed addition to Article 2, paragraph 1:

"5. When a notice is received, for modification under Article 4 of the ST61 Agreement or for notification under Article 5, the relevant coordination distances of the Agreement shall be equally applied to analogue and digital systems. An appropriate symbol shall be used to identify the television standard."

Yours faithfully,

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