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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU

Subject: Rules of Procedure

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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 and CR/80 of 30 October 1997
CR/87 of 18 February 1998

To the Director General

1. In accordance with the provisions of No. 95 of the ITU Constitution, the Radio Regulations Board (RRB), at its 12th meeting held from 20 to 24 April 1998, has approved the following Rules of Procedure:

- Part A1, Art. S5 (formerly AR8), provisions Nos. S5.488 and S5.491 concerning the use of the band 11.7 - 12.2 GHz by the fixed-satellite service in Regions 2 and 3 (see Annex 1).
- Part A1, Appendix S30, Annex 5, Sections 3.5.1 and 3.8, and Appendix S30A, Annex 3, Section 1.7, concerning the implementation of the worst-case interference calculation method (see Annex 2).

2. The RRB has started the general review of its existing Rules of Procedure in view of the entry into force, on 1 January 1999, of the Simplified Radio Regulations as adopted by WRC-95 and WRC-97. As a first action, it decided to suppress a number of existing Rules of Procedure because they are either outdated, the respective provision or allocation has been deleted or the respective rule will be combined with another rule. Details of the suppressions, which will enter into force on 1 January 1999, are given in Annex 3 for advanced information of administrations.

3. In the context of the general review, the RRB has also approved modifications to Parts A2(ST61), A3(GE75), A4(RJ81), A6(GE89), A7(RJ88), A8(GE85-R1 and A9(GE85-EMA), as outlined in Annex 4. These modifications will also enter into force on 1 January 1999. However, the RRB decided to suppress Part A5 (GE84) with immediate effect, since no primary allocations to the fixed and mobile services exist in the bands governed by GE 84 since 1 January 1997.

Yours faithfully,

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ANNEX 1

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2. Use of the band 11.7 - 12.2 GHz by the fixed-satellite service in Region 2

2.1 In this footnote, the allocation “is limited to national and sub-regional systems”. Following WRC-97, a question has arisen as to the relevance of this limitation to non-geostationary satellite systems in the fixed-satellite service (non-GSO FSS systems). Having analyzed all decisions of WRC-97 related to the use of non-GSO FSS systems in certain frequency bands and particularly Resolution 130 (WRC-97) and Resolution 538 (WRC-97), the Board is of the opinion that WRC-97 had the intention to promote the development of non-GSO satellite systems capable of providing global service. For that reason, the Board decided to instruct the Bureau to provisionally disregard, until WRC-99, the limitation to national and sub-regional systems stipulated in the footnote when examining the conformity with the Table of Frequency Allocations of assignments to non-GSO FSS systems in the bands in question. The Board agreed also to instruct the Bureau to continue applying this limitation in the case of geostationary satellite (GSO) networks.

2.2 For GSO networks, the Board understands a national system as being a system having a service area limited to the territory of the notifying administration. As a consequence of this, the sub-regional system to which reference is made shall be considered an aggregate of two or more national systems; it shall be limited to the territories of the administration concerned and it shall be notified by one of the participating administrations. The Board reached this conclusion keeping in mind S5.22/RR412, which defines a sub-Region, and S5.2.1/RR392.1, relating to the interpretation of the word “sub-regional” without a capital “R”. Therefore, only those assignments which satisfy the following conditions shall be considered to be in conformity with the Table of Frequency Allocations:

- a) The service area for a national or sub-regional system is within Region 2;
- b) In the case of a national system the service area is limited to the territory under the jurisdiction of the notifying administration;
- c) If the satellite network is operated within the framework of an international system to which countries outside Region 2 pertain, the notice must indicate that the use is limited to Region 2.

845/S5.491

Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 of the comments under the Rules of Procedure concerning RR839/S5.488 applies, with Region 2 replaced by Region 3

ANNEX 2

Rules concerning APPENDIX 30/S30 to the RR

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Technical Data Used in Establishing the Plan and Which Should Be Used for their Application

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3.5.1 and 3.8

These provisions govern the channel spacing between the assigned frequencies of two adjacent channels and the necessary bandwidth values for systems in the Plans for Regions 1, 2 and 3. They also state that if different frequency spacing and/or bandwidths are submitted, they will be treated in accordance with applicable ITU-R Recommendations for protection masks when available. “In the absence of such Recommendations, the Bureau will use the worst-case approach as adopted by the Radio Regulations Board.”

Noting that available ITU-R Recommendations only provide a method for calculation of interference between assignments using different channelling and bandwidth in the case of a digital interferer, the Board therefore decided that, as an interim measure, until the applicable ITU-R Recommendations for protection masks/calculation method are available the calculation methods shown in Table 1 shall be applied when calculating interference between two assignments in the Plans and/or modifications/additions to Plans:

Table 1.

Wanted Assignment	Interfering Assignment	Method to Be Applied	Comments
“Standard” ¹ Analogue	“Standard” Analogue	As defined in Annex 5 to Appendix 30/S30	
“Non-standard” Analogue	“Standard” Analogue	Treat the interfering emission with a similar approach as that which is applied to assignments with digital modulation. ²	Covered by this Rule of Procedure
“Standard” Analogue	“Non-standard” Analogue	Treat the interfering emission with a similar approach as that which is applied to assignments with digital modulation. ²	Covered by this Rule of Procedure
“Non-standard” Analogue	“Non-standard” Analogue	Treat the interfering emission with a similar approach as that which is applied to assignments with digital modulation. ²	Covered by this Rule of Procedure
Digital	“Standard” or “Non-standard” Analogue	Treat the interfering emission with a similar approach as that which is applied to assignments with digital modulation. ²	Covered by this Rule of Procedure
“Standard” or “Non-standard” Analogue	Digital	As defined in Recommendation ITU-R BO.1293	
Digital	Digital	As defined in Recommendation ITU-R BO.1293	

¹ Standard analogue assignments are those assignments which use the following parameters:

- **for Regions 1 and 3:** 27 MHz bandwidth, 19.18 MHz channel spacing and the assigned frequencies as specified in Article 11 of Appendix 30/S30
- **for Region 2:** 24 MHz bandwidth, 14.58 MHz channel spacing and the assigned frequencies as specified in Article 10 of Appendix 30/S30

² The Bureau, in the meantime, is requested to improve the accuracy of the method where the application of a digital model for analogue interfering signals would result in the interference not being properly determined.

Rules concerning APPENDIX 30A/S30A to the RR

Annex 3

Technical Data Used in Establishing the Plan and Which Should

Be Used for their Application

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The footnote to this provision states that “in certain cases (e.g. when channel spacing and/or bandwidths are different from the values given in Sections 3.5 and 3.8 of Annex 5 to Appendix 30/(S30)), equivalent protection margins for the second adjacent channels may be used. Appropriate protection masks included in ITU-R Recommendations should be used if available. Until a relevant ITU-R Recommendation is incorporated in this Annex by reference, the Bureau will use the worst-case approach as adopted by the Radio Regulations Board.”

Noting that ITU-R Recommendation BO.1293 (incorporated in this Annex by reference) only provides a method for calculation of interference between assignments using different channelling and bandwidth in the case of a digital interferer, the Board therefore decided that, as an interim measure, until the applicable ITU-R Recommendations for protection masks/calculation method are available the calculation methods shown in Table 2 shall be applied when calculating interference between two assignments in the Plans and/or modifications/additions to Plans:

Table 2.

Wanted Assignment	Interfering Assignment	Method to Be Applied	Comments
“Standard” ³ Analogue	“Standard” Analogue	As defined in Annex 3 to Appendix 30A/S30	
“Non-standard” Analogue	“Standard” Analogue	Treat the interfering emission with a similar approach as that which is applied to assignments with digital modulation. ⁴	Covered by this Rule of Procedure
“Standard” Analogue	“Non-standard” Analogue	Treat the interfering emission with a similar approach as that which is applied to assignments with digital modulation. ⁴	Covered by this Rule of Procedure
“Non-standard” Analogue	“Non-standard” Analogue	Treat the interfering emission with a similar approach as that which is applied to assignments with digital modulation. ⁴	Covered by this Rule of Procedure
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Digital	Digital	As defined in Recommendation ITU-R BO.1293	

³ Standard analogue assignments are those assignments which use the following parameters:

- **for Regions 1 and 3:** 27 MHz bandwidth, 19.18 MHz channel spacing and the assigned frequencies as specified in Article 9A of Appendix 30A/S30A
- **for Region 2:** 24 MHz bandwidth, 14.58 MHz channel spacing and the assigned frequencies as specified in Article 9 of Appendix 30A/S30A

⁴ The Bureau, in the meantime, is requested to improve the accuracy of the method where the application of a digital model for analogue interfering signals would result in the interference not being properly determined.

ANNEX 3

Rules of Procedure to be suppressed as from 1 January 1999

- Part A1, Art. S5 (formerly AR8), rules concerning provisions Nos. RR419, RR531/S5.148, RR635/S5.252, RR713/S5.333, RR718, RR768, RR778, RR833, RR864, RR874, RR879, RR880, RR886, RR887, RR898, RR907, RR914, RR917, RR921.
- Part A1, AR11, rules concerning provisions RR1043/S9.2, RR1044/S9.2A and B, RR1056A/S11.44, RR1075/S9.34, RR1080/S9.41, RR1085A/S9.53, RR1089, 1130 and 1169/S9.60.
- Part A1, AR12, rules concerning provisions RR1241-1242, RR145, RR1251, RR1305-1307.
- Part A1, AR13, rules concerning provisions RR1495/S11.15, RR1572.
- Part A1, AR33, rules concerning provisions RR2768-2769.
- Part A1, RS23 and RS46(Rev.WRC-97)), rules concerning Resolution 23 and Resolution 46(Rev.WRC-97), which will be suppressed on 1 January 1999.

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PART A2

**Regional Agreement for the European Broadcasting Area concerning
the use of frequencies by the Broadcasting Service in the VHF and UHF Bands**

(Stockholm, 1961)

ARTICLE 2 : Execution of the Agreement

Paragraph 1

1. In the examination for conformity with the Regional Agreement, a notice is considered to be in conformity with the Agreement either when the notified characteristics are the same as in the Plan or, where they are different, when they do not increase the probability of interference in any azimuth above that resulting from the entry in the Plan.
 2. An assignment in the Plan may contain, in addition to the maximum effective radiated power,
 - an azimuth of maximum radiation
 - in some cases, reduced e.r.p. in one or more azimuths or one or more sectors.
 3. The notified radiation characteristics are considered to be in conformity with the Plan if the e.r.p. in any azimuth is equal to or lower than the ones derived from the Plan by combination of maximum e.r.p. and reduced e.r.p. in azimuths or sectors.
 4. When an assignment, notified under Article S11 with an azimuth of maximum radiation different from the one in the Plan, satisfies the condition indicated in paragraph 3 above, its radiation characteristics are considered to be in conformity with the Plan.
 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.
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PART A3

Regional Agreement concerning the Use by the Broadcasting Service of Frequencies in the Medium Frequency Bands in Regions 1 and 3 and in the Low Frequency Bands in Region 1.

(Geneva, 1975)

ARTICLE 3 : Execution of the Agreement

1. Paragraph 2

According to "further resolves" of Resolution 500, the bringing into use of a broadcasting station in the LF Band (148.5-283.5 kHz) or the implementation of a modification to such a station is subject to prior notification to the Radiocommunication Bureau two years in advance for publication. Consequently :

1.1 Where notice of an assignment is received at least two years after the date of receipt of information published in Special Section RES500, the notice shall be considered to be in conformity with Resolution No. 500, and examined in accordance with the procedure of Article S11 of the Radio Regulations.

1.2 Where notice of an assignment is received less than two years after the date of receipt of information in accordance with "further resolves" of Resolution No 500, the notice is considered to be not in conformity with the said Resolution. In the examination of the notice under Article S11 of the Radio Regulations, the Finding is unfavourable with respect to provision S11.31. The unfavourable Finding with respect to S11.31 shall be reviewed at the end of the two-year period mentioned in "further resolves" of Resolution No 500, i.e. two years from the date of receipt of the information in the Bureau. An appropriate symbol to this effect shall be entered.

Where no information has been received by the Bureau under "further resolves" of Resolution No 500, the receipt of the notice under Article S11 of the Radio Regulations will also be considered to be the receipt of the information under Resolution No 500. This information will then be published in Special Section RES500.

ARTICLE 4 : Procedure for Modifications to the Plan

2. Paragraph 3.2.12

If the delay between publication in Part A and publication in Part B is too long, other modifications to the Plan are likely to be introduced in the meantime, which could not be taken into account at the time of examination.

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When an Administration, in application of paragraph 3.2.12 of the Agreement, communicates to the Radiocommunication Bureau the final characteristics of the assignment, after a period of 1 year from its publication in part A of a Special Section GE75, the modification shall follow again the full procedure of Article 4. The date at which the communication has been received by the Bureau will be considered as the new date of receipt of the proposed modification. A reminder is sent to the notifying administration two months before the end of the one-year period.

3. Paragraph 3.3.1.

In the application of paragraph. 3.3 of Art. 4, the agreement of another country is not necessary when the modification of the characteristics of an assignment would not increase the probability of interference at any point on the border of this country, within the coordination distance.

ANNEX 1 : Plan for the Assignment of Frequencies to Broadcasting Stations in the Medium Frequency Band (other than to Stations using Low-Power Channels) in Regions 1 and 3 and in the Low Frequency Bands in Region 1

4. Explanation of symbols 24 and 33 used in the "Remarks" column .

The Board noted that remarks 24 and 33 apply only to assignments in the Plan, but concluded that their texts define relations between Israel on one hand and the countries listed in Remark 33 on the other hand and should therefore apply not only to modifications of the assignments of these countries appearing in the Plan, but also to any new assignments which may be subject to the modification procedure.

The Board therefore decided that any new assignment or any modification to an existing assignment in the Plan communicated to the Bureau by the administration of Israel or an administration of one of the following countries :

Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia, Yemen

shall be treated as follows :

- For an assignment of Israel, if the country (countries) objecting to the modification is (are) one (or more) of the countries listed above, and it is (they are) the only country (countries) whose objection prevents the completion of the procedure for modification, the comments are communicated to the administration of Israel and are not taken into account for updating the Plan. The same procedure applies to an assignment of one of the countries listed, if the only objecting administration is that of Israel.
- In such a case, when the notification is received, the provisions of Article S11 of the Radio Regulations are applied.

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ANNEX 2 : Technical Data used in the Preparation of the Plan and to be used in the Application of the Agreement

5. Paragraph 4.8.3

Paragraph 4.8.3. of Annex 2 of the Agreement specifies the limiting distance for a broadcasting station in a low-power channel. When the equivalent monopole radiated power of the station is 0.25 kW or less, two values are given : one for land and one for sea paths. In the case of a mixed path (partially land and partially sea), the limiting distance shall be calculated in the following way :

$$\textbf{Limiting distance} = \frac{(V_l \times D_l) + (V_s \times D_s)}{D_l + D_s}$$

in which

D_l : total path length over land (km)

D_s : total path length over sea (km)

V_l : limiting distance (km) path over land obtained from the Table in paragraph 4.8.3 of Annex 2 to the Agreement.

V_s : limiting distance (km) path over sea obtained from the Table in paragraph 4.8.3 of Annex 2 to the Agreement.

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PART A4

Regional Agreement for the Use of the Band 535 to 1605 kHz in Region 2 by the Broadcasting Service

1. Article 3. para. 3.1

For the application of this agreement Region 2 countries are divided into three groups:

Group A: Countries which signed the Final Acts of the Conference or acceded to the Regional Agreement.

Group B: Countries which are not party to the Agreement but have communicated to the Board the undertaking to observe the provisions of Resolutions Nos. 2, 3 and 4. As of today, these countries are BOL, BRB, DMA, GTM, HND, HTI, LCA, SLV and SUR.

Group C: Countries which are not party to the Agreement. These countries are CUB and DOM.

2. Article 4 of the Agreement

2.1 Para 4.2.8/4.2.9

2.1.1. Paragraphs 4.2.8 and 4.2.9 of the Agreement specify the examination to be made as between a proposed modification and pending modifications. In accordance with paragraph 4.2.9, the examination to determine the effect of a proposed modification on pending modifications, and *vice versa*, is limited to modifications which have been pending for not more than 180 days counted from the date any such modification was received by the Bureau. As soon as this 180-day period is over, a pending modification is no longer taken into account for mutual protection with respect to a new proposed modification. This means that a request for entry in the Plan of a proposed modification which has been pending for more than 180 days shall necessarily have to be examined for eventual objectionable interference to the assignments which may in the meantime have entered the Plan as a result of successful application of the Article 4 procedure.

2.1.2. The Board has therefore decided that when an administration, in application of paragraph 4.2.18 of the Agreement, communicates to the Bureau the final characteristics of the assignment, after 180 days of its publication in Part A of a Special Section RJ81, the modification shall follow again the full procedure of Article 4. The date at which the communication has been received by the Bureau will be considered the new date of receipt of the proposed modification.

2.1.3. In counting 180 days from the date of publication in Part A of a Special Section RJ81, instead of from the date of receipt of the proposed modification by the Bureau, the intent is to eliminate the effect of the time lag before the proposed modification is published in accordance with paragraph 4.2.5 of the Agreement.

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2.2 Para 4.6

2.2.1 In accordance with paragraph 4.6 and its sub-paragraphs, when an assignment which has been in the Plan for 4 years has not been brought into service, the Bureau will consult the administration concerned with regard to the advisability of cancellation of the assignment. para 2.3 describes the procedure followed by the Bureau in the application of the provisions of the Agreement relating to assignments recorded in the Plan but not brought into service.

2.2.2 The determination whether an assignment is in operation is made for each entry (day or night) by examining the Master Register and comparing the recorded assignments with the assignment in the Plan, with the following criteria :

- same frequency,
- same country code,
- same operating period and
- location within the tolerances of paragraph 4.2.14 of the Agreement.

If an entry corresponding to the above conditions is found in the Master Register, the entry in the Plan is considered to be in operation. In the other cases, the entry is considered to be not in operation.

2.3 Para 4.6.3

2.3.1 The four-year period and the allowed extension of one year, mentioned in paragraphs 4.6.1 and 4.6.2 of the Agreement, are counted from the date of entry of an assignment in the Plan. In the case of a change in a basic characteristic of a frequency assignment already in the Plan, the date of entry in the Plan is the date shown for the modified characteristics in Part B of the corresponding Special Section RJ81.

2.3.2 The request for reinstatement of the assignment, and deletion of the symbol mentioned in paragraph 4.6.3 of the Agreement, shall reach the Bureau not earlier than three months before the intended date of bringing it into service. This is based on the consideration that a request for the removal of the symbol is conditional upon bringing the assignment into service. An analogy with provision S11.24, therefore, is in order. Any request received earlier than this period shall be kept in abeyance until the above-stated time limit, and the administration concerned shall be informed accordingly.

2.3.3 When the three-month condition is satisfied, the assignment concerned shall be examined from the point of view of objectionable interference caused to stations entered in the Plan from the date of suspension of the assignment. The stations "entered in the Plan" comprise the new stations introduced in the Plan, as well as modifications in characteristics of the stations already existing in the Plan.

2.3.4 If the examination shows that no objectionable interference will be caused to the stations concerned, the suspended assignment shall be reinstated and the corresponding symbol in the Plan shall be removed. Appropriate publication shall be made in a Special Section RJ81.

2.3.5 In view of the fact that the date of bringing it into service is known , the reinstated assignment shall be examined under Article S11 of the Radio Regulations for entry in the Master Register. The administration concerned shall, in accordance with the Radio Regulations, confirm the bringing of the assignment into use. In the absence of this confirmation, the symbol mentioned in paragraph 4.6.3 of the Agreement, shall be reinserted leading to the re-suspension of the assignment.

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2.3.6 At the time of publication of the Special Section mentioned in paragraph 2.4 above, the administration shall be requested to notify the assignment in accordance with Article S11 of the Radio Regulations and shall be reminded of the action that will be taken in accordance with paragraph 2.3.5 above. The examination under Article S11 of the Radio Regulations (paragraph 2.5 above), however, shall be carried out without waiting for the receipt of the notice.

2.3.7 When an administration makes known its intention to change the characteristics of a suspended assignment, other than under paragraph 4.6.4 of the Agreement, the request shall be understood as indicating the decision of the administration to abandon the suspended assignment. The proposed modification, therefore, shall be examined as a request for the introduction of a new assignment into the Plan. The corresponding suspended assignment shall be deleted from the Plan forthwith without waiting for the completion or result of the modification procedure.

2.3.8 Paragraph 4.6.3 of the Agreement states that the assignment with the symbol (i.e. the suspended assignment) shall be disregarded in the future modifications to the Plan. As a suspended assignment can be reinstated under paragraph 4.6.4 of the Agreement, it cannot be considered as having been removed from the Plan. Therefore, the suspended assignments shall not be disregarded in the transfer of assignments from List B to List A.

2.3.9 Section 4.6 of the Agreement does not prescribe any time limit for the maintenance of the suspended assignments in the Plan. However, the indefinite retention in the Plan of the suspended assignments can lead to complication in the establishment of the reference situation against which an interference may be judged objectionable, as well as in the resolution of problems under Resolution No. 2 of the Conference. The Board has decided that any suspended assignment for which reinstatement, under paragraph 4.6.4 of the Agreement, is not initiated within one year of suspension shall be removed from the Plan.

3. Resolution No 2 of the Conference

3.1. The transfer of an assignment from List B to List A is dependent upon the resolution of incompatibilities which had resulted, initially, in its entry in List B. Resolution No. 2 of the Regional Administrative MF Broadcasting Conference (Region 2), Rio de Janeiro, 1981, prescribes the procedure for the resolution of these incompatibilities. Under this procedure, the administrations with assignments in List B shall continue negotiations and find solutions to unresolved incompatibilities as soon as possible.

3.2. It is possible that when the procedure for modifications to the Plan, Article 4 of the Regional Agreement, has been successfully applied, the characteristics of a List B assignment may be so modified as to justify its transfer to List A. There is, therefore, a need for a procedure that should be applied to any List B assignment whose characteristics have been changed under Article 4 of the Regional Agreement to determine its eligibility for transfer to List A. The Board has established the following procedure for this purpose. This procedure is separate from, and in addition to, that of Resolution No. 2.

3.3. In applying the Article 4 procedure to the proposed change in the characteristics of a List B assignment, no aspects relating to its possible transfer to List A shall be considered. Its possible transfer from List B to List A will be considered as soon as the Article 4 procedure is completed.

3.4. Immediately following the completion of the Article 4 procedure, each assignment (with changed characteristics) shall be examined to assess the effect of changed characteristics with a view to possibly transferring the assignments from List B to List A. This examination may show an increase or a decrease in its nuisance field in relation to the other List B assignment(s) concerned.

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INCREASE IN THE NUISANCE FIELD

3.5. The Part A of the Special Section RJ81 in which the above change was published would have also contained the names of administrations whose assignments in List B were adversely affected. The fact that the assignment with changed characteristics has been able to enter the Plan indicates that agreement has been reached with, among others, the administrations responsible for the affected List B assignments on the interference caused to them. If the modified assignment was, initially, in List B only because its interference caused being unacceptable, it shall now be transferred to List A if the agreement for all the List B assignments concerned has been obtained through the Article 4 procedure. If, in addition to the unaccepted interference caused, there was also unaccepted interference received, the administration concerned shall be consulted before the assignment is transferred to List A.

DECREASE IN THE NUISANCE FIELD

3.6. The modified assignment shall be examined to determine the improvement to all the List B assignments to which it caused unaccepted interference in the Plan of 1 January 1982. If this examination shows that, with the now modified characteristics, the List B assignments would not have been considered affected on 1 January 1982, the modified assignment shall be transferred to List A after consultation concerning received interference if necessary.

3.7. Where the above examination leads to an unfavourable conclusion, the contribution of interference by the modified assignment shall be examined in the light of the general interference situation of the stations in the Plan of the country with affected List B assignments. The result of this review will determine whether the administrations concerned should be advised by the Bureau to consider accepting the level of incompatibility.

OTHER LIST B ASSIGNMENTS

3.8. When a List B assignment with changed characteristics is transferred to List A, the situation of other related List B assignments shall be examined for the Form B status and the administrations concerned shall be consulted where further transfers appear to be feasible.

3.9. For the purpose of transfers from List B to List A, the reference situation for examining the transfer will be as on 1 January 1982 after the correction procedure in Annex 1 to Resolution No. 2 has been applied. Any interfering field which was earlier masked by a higher interference shall not be taken into account in considering the possible transfer from List B to List A.

PUBLICATION

3.10. All transfers to List A, under the above procedure, shall be published in the Special Section RJ81.

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PART A6

REGIONAL AGREEMENT (GENEVA, 1989) RELATING TO THE PLANNING OF VHF/UHF TELEVISION BROADCASTING IN THE AFRICAN BROADCASTING AREA AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

Examination of notices related to the non-planned services in the bands governed by the Regional Agreement GE89

1. Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of Article 5 of the GE89 Agreement specify the procedure to be followed for the examination of the notices related to the non-planned primary services in the bands governed by the Agreement. The bands and the services concerned are summarized in the Table below.

Freq.band (MHz)	Services and countries within the planning area	Provisions	Notes
47 - 68	FX: AFS, AGL, BOT, BDI, CME, COD, COG, IRN, LSO, MDG, MLI, MOZ, MWI, NMB, RRW, SOM, SDN, SWZ, TCD, TZA, YEM, , ZWE MO(-aer): AFS, AGL, BOT, BDI, CME, COD, COG, LSO, MDG, MLI, MOZ, MWI, NMB, RRW, SOM, SDN, SWZ, TCD, TZA, YEM, , ZWE MO: IRN (47-50 MHz, 54-68 MHz)	S5.165 S5.171 S5.165 S5.171	
174 - 223	FX: IRN MO: IRN		
223 - 230	FX: IRN MO: IRN AL: ARS, BHR, IRN, JOR, OMA, QAT, SYR, UAE	S5.247	
230 - 238	FX: from all parties to the Agreement (excepting those referred to in No. S5.252) MO: from all parties to the Agreement(excepting those referred to in No. S5.252) AL: ARS, BHR, IRN, JOR, OMA, QAT, SYR, UAE	S5.247	Note 1
246 - 254	FX: from all parties to the Agreement (excepting those referred to in No. S5.252) MO: from all parties to the Agreement (excepting those referred to in No. S5.252)		Note 1
470 - 790	FX: IRN MO: IRN		
790 - 862	FX: from all parties to the Agreement MO: IRN		

Note 1: In the frequency bands 230 - 238 MHz and 246 - 254 MHz, in the examinations under Section 5.2 of the Agreement, account is taken of only those frequency assignments in the broadcasting service which are entered into Plan following a successful application of the procedure referred to in No. S9.21, as required by Resolution No. 1(GE89) and S5.252 .

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2. The frequency assignment notices related to the aeronautical radionavigation service of Nigeria, whose allocation is governed by No. S5.251 , shall not be subject to the examinations referred to in paragraph 5.2 of Article 5 of the Agreement, since these notices are subject to the application of the procedure of No. S9.21.

3. The frequency assignment notices related to services and countries referred to in Nos. S5.164 , S5.235 , S5.243 and S5.316 shall not be subject to the examinations requested by Section 5.2 of Article 5 of the Agreement, since their allocation is subject to not causing harmful interference to, or claiming protection from, the broadcasting service. Consequently they will be recorded in the MIFR under the conditions of No. S5.43 vis-à-vis the broadcasting service (symbol R in column 13B2).

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PART A7

CONCERNING RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF THE RJ-88 CONFERENCE AND

ARTICLE 6 OF THE RJ-88 AGREEMENT

1. Application of Resolution No. 1 (RJ88)

1.1 Under the terms of this Resolution, the IFRB was requested to assess the interference caused to the allotments appearing in the broadcasting Plan by assignments to the fixed and mobile services in the band 1 625 - 1 705 kHz notified before 1 July 1990, the date of entry into force of the Final Acts of the RJ-88 Conference (see paragraph 2 of "*resolves to request the IFRB*"). The Resolution also requested the IFRB to review the finding of any assignment, recorded in the Master Register, of the fixed or mobile service which is incompatible with the broadcasting Plan and to enter a remark in an appropriate column of the Master Register to indicate that this finding will be reviewed again when a broadcasting station of the allotment which is at the origin of the unfavourable finding is brought into use (see paragraph 3 of "*resolves to request the IFRB*").

1.2 In terms of this Resolution and when an assignment of the fixed or mobile service is incompatible and consequently the finding is unfavourable vis-à-vis an allotment in the broadcasting Plan, the procedure of No. 1255 of the Radio Regulations were to be applied to the assignment concerned of the fixed or mobile service with the proviso that the two-month period specified in that procedure shall start from the date of bringing into use of the station of the broadcasting service in conformity with the allotment concerned (see paragraph 4 of "*resolves to request the IFRB*").

1.3 The Board noted the provisions of No. S5.89 which refer to the examination of frequency assignments to stations of the fixed and mobile services in the band 1 625 - 1 705 kHz, requiring to take account of the allotments appearing in the Plan (RJ88).

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1.4 Against this background, the Board decided to use the following approach in application of Resolution No. 1 (RJ88) :

- 1.4.1 in application of paragraph 3 of the Resolution, an incompatibility of an assignment of the fixed or mobile service vis-à-vis an allotment in the Plan was indicated by symbol H in Column 13B2, and a symbol X/RS1(RJ88)/---- (symbol of the country whose allotment is likely to be affected) in Column 11;
- 1.4.2 when an assignment corresponding to the allotment concerned in the broadcasting Plan is brought into use, and if, during the period of two months mentioned in paragraph 4(b) of Resolution No. 1 (RJ88), the Bureau receives information that harmful interference has occurred, the Bureau shall review the finding of the assignment to the fixed or mobile station. In so doing, it shall replace the earlier finding indicated in 1.4.1 above by inserting symbol N in Column 13A2, symbol Y in Column 13B2 and symbol X/RS1(RJ88) in Column 13B1; the symbols mentioned in 1.4.1 above will be deleted;
- 1.4.3 however, if the Bureau does not receive information that harmful interference has occurred during the two-month period, the finding of the assignment to the fixed or mobile station mentioned in 1.4.1 above shall be retained.

2. Application of Article 6 of the RJ-88 Agreement

2.1 Application of paragraphs 1 to 6 of Article 6 do not present any problem and they shall be applied as indicated in Article 6.

2.2 If the administration resubmits the notice in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, the Bureau shall record it provisionally, pending the notification of a broadcasting station in the area of the allotment at the origin of unfavourable finding .

2.3 The Bureau shall review the recording when it is advised that a broadcasting station is brought into use in the area of the allotment at the origin of the unfavourable finding .

2.4 If no interference to the broadcasting station is reported during the two-month period the provisional recording shall be maintained without change.

2.5 If interference to the broadcasting station is reported during the two-month period the provisional recording shall be cancelled and the notice shall be returned to the administration.

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PART A8

REGIONAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE MF MARITIME MOBILE AND AERONAUTICAL RADIONAVIGATION SERVICES (REGION 1), GENEVA, 1985

1. Status of the Administration with respect to the Agreement

1.1 In the transitional period between the establishment of the Agreement (13 March 1985) and its entry into force (1 April 1992), and after consultation with the administrations of Region 1 countries, the Board introduced and used the concept of "parties to the Agreement" for the purposes of the application of the procedures and associated technical criteria set up in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the GE85-MM-R1 Agreement for the modifications to the Plan and for notifications, examination and recording of frequency assignment notices to stations in the planned (maritime mobile and aeronautical radionavigation) or non-planned (fixed and land mobile) services. "Parties to the GE85-MM-R1 Agreement" were considered to be all administrations having territories in the planning area (i.e. in Region 1) that were not opposed to this concept. Non-parties to the Agreement were those administrations that declared formally that they did not wish to be considered "parties to the Agreement", as well as non-participating administrations without Plan assignments that had not declared formally that they intended to become "parties to the Agreement".

1.2 After the entry into force of the Agreement, and pending further consultation with the administrations concerned, the Board decided to maintain this concept. Therefore, the Bureau will consider parties to the GE85-MM-R1 Agreement all administrations having territories in Region 1, with the exception of the following administrations: AND, BFA, CAF, GNB, LSO, LUX, MLI, MNG, MWI, NGR, RRW, SWZ, TZA, UGA, ZMB and ZWE, which are considered non-parties to the Agreement, until such a time as they accede formally to the Agreement.

2. Treatment of the notices intended for modifications to the Plans governed by the Regional Agreement MM-R1, Geneva, 1985

2.1 Modifications to the Plans shall be considered receivable from all administrations which are considered parties to the Agreement (see paragraph 1.2 above).

2.2 The treatment of notices intended for modifications to the frequency assignment Plans shall follow the procedures contained in Article 4 of the Agreement.

2.3 The technical principles to be used in the procedure for the modifications of the frequency assignment Plans shall be those contained in Annexes 3, 4 and 5 to the MM-R1 Agreement. The computer program used as that used at RARC-MM-R1 shall be used for this purpose, suitably modified to take account of the digitized coastlines.

2.4 The following items will be checked in order to determine conformity with the technical principles of the Agreement:

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2.4.1 conformity of the assigned frequency (frequency pair) with the appropriate channelling arrangement (checks shall be performed with respect to Tables 1 to 4 of Annex 3 to the MM-R1 Agreement);

2.4.2 conformity of the notified class of emission with the permissible class of emission. The following classes of emission, and the following bandwidths are considered receivable:

- for AL stations : 100HA1A, 850HA2A and 2K14A2A; however, the limitations set forth in Table 4 of Annex 3 to the Agreement, for some channels, shall also be taken into account;
- for FC/MS stations in the bands around 500 kHz: A1A and F1B, and the necessary bandwidths up to 500 Hz;

The Board considered in this respect that 500 Hz bandwidth represents, for A1A emissions, a speed of 100 words per minute, more than adequate for manual telegraphy. For F1B emissions, this limit covers the standard 304 Hz bandwidth (Recommendations ITU-R M.476-5, ITU-R M.493-9, ITU-R M.625-3 and ITU-R SM.1138.).—

- for FC/MS stations in the bands around 2 MHz: F1B and J3E; the necessary bandwidth for the F1B emissions shall not exceed 500 Hz, and the necessary bandwidth for J3E emission shall not exceed 2 800 Hz (No. S52.177 refers for this later case);

2.4.3 conformity of the notified service range with the established limits at the Conference;

The administrations shall notify only the required service range, which serves as a basis for determining the power value necessary to ensure the minimum field strength at the edge of the service area. The following service range limits, for coast stations, shall not be exceeded:

- 500 km, for the band 415 - 526.5 kHz
- 400 km, for the band 1 606.5 - 2 160 kHz.

The Bureau will use the same values as those established by RARC-MM-R1 on the basis of planning considerations (see document 63 of RARC-MM-R1). Nevertheless, these values represent, at the same time, technical limitations for use of the ground-wave mode of propagation, since at the above distances the ground-wave component is just 3 dB higher than the sky-wave component.

2.5. For the FC stations in the bands around 500 kHz, only one A1A assignment per coast station shall be accepted; however, the administration concerned shall be informed that it may use A1A emissions on F1B assignments and vice versa.

The Bureau will use the same approach as that used in the establishment of the Plan at RARC-MM-R1, taking account of the note on page 14 of the Final Acts of RARC-MM-R1, which stipulates that "in the frequency bands between 415 and 526.5 kHz, A1A emissions may be used on F1B assignments and vice versa".

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3. Treatment of the frequency assignment notices to transmitting and receiving stations in the bands governed by the Regional Agreement MM-R1, Geneva, 1985 (for administrations considered parties to the Agreement)

3.1 Treatment of the frequency assignment notices to transmitting and receiving stations in the planned services in the bands covered by frequency assignment plans

3.1.1 The treatment of the frequency assignment notices related to transmitting and receiving stations of the planned services in the frequency bands covered by the frequency assignment plans (namely, 415 - 435 kHz, 435 - 453 kHz, 460.5 - 495 kHz, 505 - 526.5 kHz, 1 606.5 - 1 621 kHz, 1 635 - 1 800 kHz and 2 060 - 2 156 kHz), and notified by administrations considered parties to the Agreement, shall follow the procedure contained in Article 5 of the Agreement.

3.1.2 The regulatory examination of these notices shall consist in verifying their conformity with the Table of frequency allocations and with the provisions of Nos. S52.10 , S52.177 , S52.183 , S52.184 to S52.186 and S52.202 of the Radio Regulations. The provisions of Nos. S5.81 and Appendix S13, paragraph 15(1), Part A2, shall be taken also into account, until 1 February 1999.

3.1.3 The examination for conformity with the Plan shall be based on a check of all the data contained in the appropriate frequency assignment Plan and of the following additional items:

3.1.3.1 Since the FC/MS Plans do not contain any value concerning the necessary bandwidths, the following values will be used when checking the conformity of the notified assignments with the Plans:

- for A1A and F1B: 500 Hz

The Board considered in this respect that 500 Hz bandwidth represents, for A1A emissions, a speed of 100 words per minute, more than adequate for manual telegraphy. For F1B emissions, this limit covers the standard 304 Hz bandwidth (Recommendations ITU-R M.476-5, ITU-R M.493-9, ITU-R M.625-3 and ITU-R SM.1138.).

- for J3E : 2800 Hz, in accordance with No. S52.177

3.1.3.2 The notified bandwidth for the ALRC assignments shall be checked with respect to the values contained in the Plan.

3.1.4 In accordance with Resolution No. 3(MM), the Board carried out a compatibility analysis in the bands 1 606.5 - 1 625 kHz, 1 635 - 1 800 kHz and 2 045 - 2 160 kHz, taking account of the non-planned services (see IFRB Circular-letters Nos. 762 and 890 of 20 October 1988 and 19 December 1991, respectively). The results of the compatibility analysis shall be taken into account.

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3.2 Treatment of the frequency assignment notices to transmitting and receiving stations of the planned services in the bands covered by frequency allotment plans

3.2.1 The treatment of the frequency assignment notices related to transmitting and receiving stations of the planned services in the frequency bands covered by the frequency allotment Plans (namely, 456 - 457 kHz , 459 - 460 kHz, 1 621 - 1 625 kHz and 2 156 - 2 160 kHz), notified by the administrations considered parties to the agreement, shall be subject to the examination of conformity with the Allotment Plan, as contained in Annex 1 to Resolution No. 5(MM), taking into account the following criteria:

- the assigned frequency pairs shall coincide with those of the allotment Plans contained in Annexes to Resolution No. 5(MM);
- the geographical coordinates of the transmitting/receiving station shall be situated within the respective country;
- the notified service range shall not exceed the limits of 500 km for the band 435 - 526.5 kHz, and of 400 km for the band 1 606.5-2 160 kHz (these limits were used in the establishment of the frequency assignment Plans);
- the notified nature of service shall be CP;
- the notified class of emission shall be F1B or J2B, and the notified bandwidth shall not exceed 304 Hz.

3.3 Treatment of the frequency assignment notices to transmitting and receiving stations in the non-planned services

The treatment of the frequency assignment notices to transmitting and receiving stations in the non-planned services, from administrations considered parties to the Agreement, shall follow the procedure contained in Article 6 of the Agreement. In the analysis of the results of the technical examination with respect to notices of the administrations considered parties to the Agreement, only the day-time results will be taken into account (sky-wave shall be disregarded).

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PART A9

REGIONAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF THE MARITIME RADIONAVIGATION SERVICE (RADIOBEACONS) IN THE EUROPEAN MARITIME AREA, GENEVA, 1985 (GE85-EMA)

1. Status of the Administrations with respect to the Agreement

1.1 In the transitional period between the establishment of the Agreement (13 March 1985) and its entry into force (1 April 1992), and after consultation of the administrations of the countries situated in the European Maritime Area, the Board introduced and used the concept of "parties to the Agreement" for the purposes of the application of the procedures and associated technical criteria set up in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the GE85-EMA Agreement for the modifications to the Plan and for notifications, examination and recording of frequency assignment notices to stations in the planned (maritime radionavigation) or non-planned (aeronautical radionavigation) services. "Parties to the GE85-EMA Agreement" were considered to be all administrations having territories in the planning area (i.e. in the European Maritime Area) that were not opposed to this concept. Non-parties to the Agreement were those administrations that declared formally that they did not wish to be considered "parties to the Agreement", as well as non-participating administrations without Plan assignments that had not declared formally that they intended to become "parties to the Agreement".

1.2 After the entry into force of the Agreement, and pending further consultation with the administrations concerned, the Board decided to maintain this concept. Therefore, the Bureau will consider parties to the GE85-EMA Agreement all administrations having territories in the European Maritime Area, with the exception of the following administrations: AND, BIH, BLR, CVA, IRQ, ISL, LIE, LUX, MDA, MKD, SMR, SUI and SVN, which are considered non-parties to the Agreement, until such a time as they accede formally to the Agreement.

2. Application of S5.73 and of Resolution No. 602(Rev.Mob-87) in the context of the Regional Agreement GE85-EMA

2.1 Pursuant to the decisions of the Regional Administrative Conference for the Planning of the Maritime Radionavigation Service (Radiobeacons) in the European Maritime Area, Geneva, 1985 (referred to hereafter as RARC GE85-EMA, Geneva, 1985), and in order to enable the treatment of the notices submitted under Resolution No. 1 of the Conference, the Board prepared the provisional Rule of procedure No. H42 concerning the application, by the administrations parties to the Agreement and by the IFRB, of the transitional procedure set forth in Annex to Resolution No. 1(EMA), in the period preceding the entry into force of the Agreement (1 April 1992).

2.2 After the publication of Rule H42 (see IFRB Circular-letter No. 828 of 5 July 1990) several administrations indicated that they intend to use the maritime radiobeacons in this band for transmission of supplementary navigational data to ships, including differential corrections of other radionavigation systems (e.g. Omega, GPS, Loran-C).

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2.3 The Board reviewed the matter having particularly in mind the provisions of No. S5/73 of the Radio Regulations, Resolution No. 602(Mob-87), and *Note 2* to Annex 1 of the Regional Agreement. Rule No. H42(Rev.) was published with the IFRB Circular-letter No. 913 of 30 September 1992 on this subject. The proposed approach was not opposed and the Board decided to maintain it (see also Part A1 of the Rules of Procedure concerning the application of No. S5.73).

3. Treatment of the frequency assignment notices related to radiobeacon stations in the Maritime Radionavigation Service from Administrations considered Party to the Agreement (Article 5 of the Agreement)

The frequency assignment notices related to assignments to radiobeacon stations of the maritime radionavigation service in the frequency band 283.5 - 315 kHz, situated within the European Maritime Area, and notified by administrations considered party to the Agreement, shall be subject to the following examinations:

3.1 Regulatory examination (No. S11.31 and related provisions)

The regulatory examination of these notices shall consist in verifying their conformity with the Table of frequency allocations, including the check whether the notice is related to a radiobeacon station.

3.2 Examination of conformity with the Agreement

The examination for conformity with the Plan shall be based on a check of all the data contained in the Plan.

As *Note 2* in Annex 1 to the GE85-EMA Agreement stipulates that "the technical parameters also provide for composite emission using both A1A and F1B emissions", the frequency assignment will be considered as being in conformity with the Agreement as long as these two classes of emission (e.g. A1A and F1B) are notified and the notified bandwidth does not exceed 500 Hz. Moreover, and in view of the results of the studies in the ITU-R study groups in response to Resolution No. 3(EMA), the Board decided that the class of emission G1D (i.e. class of emission corresponding to MSK techniques) would be also receivable.

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4. Treatment of the notices intended for modification to the Plan governed by the Regional Agreement GE85-EMA (Article 4 of the Agreement)

4.1 Modifications to the Plan shall be considered receivable from those administrations which are considered parties to the Agreement (see paragraph 1.2 above), provided that the subject stations are situated within the European Maritime Area.

4.2 The treatment of notices intended for modifications to the Plan shall follow the following procedures:

4.2.1 The technical principles to be used in the procedure for the modifications of the Plan shall be those contained in Annexes 2 and 3 to the GE85-EMA Agreement. The computer program used at RARC-GE85-EMA shall be used for this purpose, suitably modified to take account of the digitized coastlines;

4.2.2 The following items shall be checked with a view of determining the conformity with the technical principles of the Agreement:

- conformity of the assigned frequency with the channelling arrangement contained in Annex 2 to the GE85-EMA Agreement; however, the Bureau shall not apply the provisions of Note 1 of that Annex;
- conformity of the notified class of emission and bandwidth with the permissible values (A1A, F1B, G1D; up to and including 500 Hz);
- conformity of the notified service range with the limits established at the Conference.

The administrations shall notify only the required service range, which serves as a basis for determining the power value necessary to ensure the minimum field strength at the edge of the service area. The administration which notifies a service range in excess of 280 km shall be requested to reduce it to a value below 280 km, since the propagation criteria, used in the preparation of the Plan, disregard the sky-wave, which, however, occurs at night and may cause bearing errors at long ranges (see Note 1 in Annex 1 to the Final Acts).

4.3 In conducting the examinations for identifying the administrations whose assignments may be affected by a modification to the Plan, the following criteria shall be used:

4.3.1 the relevant Technical Standards contained in Section B4 of the Rules of procedure with respect to

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- the frequency assignments to stations in the aeronautical radionavigation service, recorded in the MIFR on behalf of parties to the Agreement;

4.3.2 the criteria contained in Annex 3 to the Agreement with respect to the assignments which are in accordance with the Agreement, including those proposed modifications to the Plan for which the Article 4 procedure is in progress.

Note 1: The Technical Standards contained in Section B4 of the Rules of procedure and the criteria of Annex 3 to the Agreement differ in the following:

- The Technical Standards contained in Section B4 of the Rules of procedure take account of the sky-wave, while the Annex 3 criteria disregard the sky-wave;
- paragraph 1.4 of Annex 3 and Technical Standard A-3 contained in the Rules of procedure contain different values concerning the discrimination factors (relative adjacent- channels protection ratios).

5. Treatment of the frequency assignment notices to stations in the Aeronautical Radionavigation Service (Article 6 of the Agreement)

The treatment of the frequency assignment notices related to stations in the aeronautical radionavigation service, from administrations considered party to the Agreement, shall follow the procedure contained in Article 6 of the Agreement. The Technical Standards contained in Section B4 of the Rules of procedure shall be used in these examinations.
