

IWG-1

**DRAFT****PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-03**

**WRC-2003 Agenda Item 1.21:** to consider the progress of the ITU-R studies concerning the technical and regulatory requirements of terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia applications, in accordance with Resolution **737 (WRC-2000)** with a view to facilitating global harmonization;

**ISSUE:** What if any actions are needed by the ITU-R to facilitate the development of terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia?

**BACKGROUND:** At WRC-2000, a proposal from several European administrations indicated a desire to address spectrum for terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia applications. After much discussion, an agenda item was developed for WRC-03 to consider progress on the studies related to this issue. WRC-2000 also adopted Resolution 737, which invites the ITU-R to: pursue studies to facilitate worldwide spectrum allocations or identifications for terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia technologies and applications, review the regulatory means to facilitate the worldwide harmonization of spectrum for terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia, and to review service definitions in the light of convergence of applications, if necessary.

WRC-2000 also decided that any allocation changes or regulatory work on this issue would be discussed at WRC-06.

Following WRC-2000, CPM-00 (CACE/186) decided to establish Joint Task Group 1-6-8-9 to address the technical and regulatory requirements of terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia applications as discussed in Resolution 737. That group has met once (October 2000, Geneva), agreeing that its work should be focused on developing the draft CPM Report on agenda item 1.21 for WRC-03. Liaison statements asking for comment on the service, technical and regulatory aspects of terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia applications were developed for transmittal to the ITU-R groups working on related issues. Liaison statements are not due back to JTG 1-6-8-9 until its November 2001 meeting.

**PRELIMINARY VIEW:** WRC-2003 will consider the progress of ITU-R studies in response to agenda item 1.21, in order to fashion an appropriate agenda item for WRC-2006 related to spectrum and associated regulatory issues for terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia applications. In light of this ongoing work at the ITU, the U.S. view will be developed when more information is available from the ITU and other entities. (April 18, 2001)