

WRC-2003 Advisory Committee

IWG-7

DRAFT PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-2003

WRC-2003 Agenda Item 2: to examine the revised ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations communicated by the Radiocommunication Assembly, in accordance with **Resolution 28 (Rev.WRC-2000)**, and to decide whether or not to update the corresponding references in the Radio Regulations, in accordance with principles contained in the Annex to **Resolution 27 (Rev.WRC-2000)**;

ISSUE: Incorporation by reference.

BACKGROUND: A number of provisions of the Radio Regulations make reference to specific ITU-R Recommendations. As these referenced ITU-R Recommendations are updated at future meetings, it is then necessary for WRCs to review the corresponding Radio Regulations to see if the references they contain should be revised to reflect the new version. WRC-2000 revised the process of incorporation by reference and narrowed the purview of the standing agenda item. **Resolution 27 (Rev.WRC-2000)** contains principles and procedures for use of incorporation by reference in the Radio Regulations. As revised by Istanbul, proposals to clarify the status of references (*i.e.*, whether mandatory or non-mandatory) or to add wholly new references may only be considered where relevant to a specific substantive WRC agenda item. **Resolution 28 (Rev.WRC-2000)** directs WRCs to review ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations that have been revised during the elapsed study period (based on the list to be provided by the Radiocommunication Assembly). To facilitate this task, the Director is instructed to present to the CPM prior to the WRC an initial list of those recommendations incorporated by reference that have been, or are likely to be, revised in time for the WRC.

PRELIMINARY VIEW: WRC-2003 should follow the incorporation by reference process in **Resolutions 27 and 28 (Rev.WRC-2000)**. It should, in accordance with **Resolution 28**, review those revised ITU-R Recommendations listed by the Director to the CPM and communicated by the Radiocommunication Assembly to the WRC to determine whether the updated version should be incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations in place of the previous version.