Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of Informal Working Group 1 (IWG-1) of the WRC-03 Advisory Committee

November 13, 2001 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Via Conference Call

1. Agenda—Approved

The agenda was approved with 15 IWG-1 participants connected via conference bridge. The Vice-Chair presided over the meeting because the Chair was on travel.

2. Minutes from 5th Meeting—Approved

The minutes of the 5th meeting of IWG-1 on August 15, 2001, were approved with no changes.

3. Reports from Recent Meetings

• Discussion of Reports from Recent ITU Working Party 8F Meeting

The Vice-Chair began the discussion of reports from the recent meeting of ITU WP 8F in Tokyo, Japan. Regarding the Spectrum Working Group, it was noted that the 1.7/2.1 GHz pairing now being examined in the United States was added to the preferred bandplan document. Related to WRC-03 agenda item 1.33 (HAPS), it was reported that Canada had submitted their study to 8F regarding power limits, but that the study did not reflect the realities of how PCS spectrum is used in the United States. For this reason, it is expected that a new proposal will be submitted to 8F, based on the outcome in Tokyo, to address sharing considerations specific to Region 2 for 2150-2160 MHz. For the Vision WG, it was noted that the Vision PDNR is due to be completed in June 2002, and that the document is getting close to final form. Workplan issues were discussed, including the relative importance of working on spectrum requirements or service definitions first. The Japanese spectrum proposal including very high data rates and spectrum requirements was noted, and it was concluded that the United States (IWG-1) may need to develop a proposal to define the U.S. stance on the issue of data rate requirements. CPM text development was discussed and it was noted that an e-mail reflector had been established to continue work on CPM text prior to the next WP 8F meeting in New Zealand. Finally, the group discussed developments in the Developing Country WG, and the possibility that some administration(s) may try to have spectrum below 600 MHz identified for IMT-2000 at WRC-03. As this is not within the purview of the existing agenda item 1.22, it was concluded that the United States (IWG-1) may need to develop a proposal to define the U.S. position on this issue.

• Discussion of Reports from Recent CITEL PCC III Meeting

The Vice-Chair began the discussion of reports from the recent meeting of CITEL PCC III in Guatemala City, Guatemala. IWG-1 participants who attended the CITEL meeting noted that there were no new contributions regarding WRC-03 agenda items 1.21 and 1.22. Instead, the only document discussed regarding agenda items 1.21 and 1.22 was a report at the Group preparing for the WRC-03 on recent activities in ITU-R Working Party 8F. Participants also noted that nothing new was covered at the recent meeting regarding agenda item 1.33 in Chapter 2. It was noted that further discussion of the agenda items was put off until the next CITEL meeting in Mexico City, from February 18-21.

• Discussion of Reports from Recent JTG 1-6-8-9 Meeting

It was rumored that some progress was made in identifying spectrum for terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia services (TWIMS), despite the lack of a definition for such services. As no participants attended the meeting, it was agreed that the Vice Chair would contact Frank Williams, who led the U.S. delegation to the JTG 1-6-8-9 meeting for further details. Due to the uncertainties associated with this item, it was concluded that the United States (IWG-1) may need to develop a proposal to define the U.S. position on additional allocations for TWIMS.

4. Review of Other Relevant Documents

A participant noted that he plans to introduce a document at the next IWG-1 meeting regarding agenda item 1.33.

5. Schedule of upcoming meetings

The next IWG-1 meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 17, 2001 at 2:00 PM via conference bridge.

Documents distributed for the meeting were:

- Admin/Doc. 13/Minutes of the Fifth Meeting
- Admin/Doc. 14/Agenda for the Sixth Meeting
- Background/Doc. 20/Document 8F/TEMP/187-E
- Background/Doc. 21/Document 8F/TEMP/192-E
- Background/Doc. 22/Document 8F/TEMP/202-E
- Background/Doc. 23/Document 8F/TEMP/205-E
- Background/Doc. 24/Document 8F/TEMP/212-E
- Background/Doc. 25/Document 8F/TEMP/217-E