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

January 15, 2002 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Via Conference Call

1. Introductions

14 IWG-1 participants connected via conference bridge provided by QUALCOMM.

2. Agenda—Approved

The agenda was approved.

3. Minutes from 6th Meeting—Approved

The minutes of the 6th meeting of IWG-1 on November 13, 2001, were approved with no changes.

4. Review of Globalstar Proposal (Proposal Doc. 5)

A participant from Globalstar introduced IWG-1/Proposal Doc. 5, "Draft USA Proposal on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.22." The proposal calls for the United States to propose NOC for footnote S5.351A and Resolution 225 (WRC-2000), meaning that this footnote and resolution should remain unchanged. The reason in the proposal states that footnote S5.351A should remain unchanged "until satellite usage of these bands [bands designated as the satellite component of IMT-2000] is determined." Regarding Resolution 225, the reason in the proposal notes that "since the mobile satellite allocation to the 2500-2520 MHz and 2670-2690 MHz bands does not become available until 1 January 2005, it is premature to designate these bands for terrestrial usage at this time."

The proposal was debated extensively. An initial question was raised as to whether the proposal even fits within Agenda Item 1.22 for WRC-03 because it is proposing no change to certain allocations and a specific resolution and the agenda item only refers to "consider progress on ITU-R studies...." There was further concern that making this particular proposal could open up the decisions made at WARC-92 and WRC-2000 concerning IMT-2000 and could result in other countries making proposals to change the allocation table, which is not supposed to be the role of WRC-03 on IMT-2000 issues. Some participants felt that it is better for the United States to have an actual proposal on this issue rather than to be caught on the defensive with little time to formulate a counter proposal in response to a possible proposal from other delegations. There was concern raised by several participants that the proposal did not achieve the goals of Globalstar and could create more problems by opening the agenda item for discussion at this stage. The suggestion was made that if the United States were to propose one particular footnote and resolution with NOC then it should theoretically propose all WRC-92 and WRC-00 IMT-

2000 issues with NOC. Another suggestion was made to edit the IWG-1 Draft Preliminary Views on WRC-03 that covers Agenda Item 1.22 (IWG-1/WRC-03/Proposal/Doc.2revFCC) and to add a sentence under the U.S. View that would read: "No changes in the allocation table and resolutions concerning IMT-2000 should be considered under this agenda item." It was agreed by the meeting participants that editing the U.S. preliminary view, as described in the previous sentence, would be the suggested IWG-1 action at this time, and that decisions regarding possible other actions discussed during this meeting would be made at a later date. It was further decided that this edited document should be presented at the upcoming WAC meeting on January 30 (changed to February 6) to then be presented at the RCS meeting in early February, in time to be approved before the CITEL meeting in Mexico City from February 18-21.

5. Review of IWG-7 Document, List of Resolutions and Recommendations of Previous Conferences (with a view to their possible revisions, replacement or abrogation).

The next document presented was an IWG-7 document that tracks resolutions and recommendations from previous conferences and updates their status. After brief discussion and advice from the FCC, the group decided to consider the resolutions covered by IWG-1 and to discuss them at a future meeting. It was also agreed that this item would be on the agenda for the next IWG-1 meeting.

6. Review of Other Relevant Documents

No other documents were presented.

7. Update of Upcoming International Meetings

Upcoming international meetings were mentioned including:

- Feb. 18-21, 2002, CITEL PCC.III, Mexico City
- Feb. 19-22, 2002, CEPT Conference Preparatory Group (CPG) for WRC-03, Oslo
- Feb. 27-March 5, 2002, ITU-R Working Party 8F
- 8. Schedule of Upcoming WAC/IWG-1 Meetings

The next WAC meeting is scheduled for January 30 (note: this has since been changed to February 6, 10 AM) and the next IWG-1 meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 2 pm. It was agreed that the next IWG-1 meeting would be conducted via conference call if no new proposals are submitted. The meeting will be held at the FCC if new proposals are submitted for discussion.

9. Other Business

There was no additional business discussed.

Documents distributed for the meeting were:

- Admin/Doc. 15/Minutes of the Sixth Meeting
- Admin/Doc. 16/Agenda for the Seventh Meeting
- Proposal/Doc. 5/Draft USA Proposal on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.22
- IWG-7 Document, List of Resolutions and Recommendations of Previous Conferences (with a view to their possible revision, replacement or abrogation) (document attached)

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