**Minutes of the
Second Meeting of Informal Working Group 1 (IWG-1)
of the WRC-03 Advisory Committee
March 21, 2001**

1.   Agenda—Approved

The agenda was approved with ten IWG-1 participants present at FCC headquarters and three participants connected via conference bridge provided by Art Reilly at Cisco Systems.

2.   Minutes from 1st Meeting—Approved

The minutes of the 1st Meeting of IWG-1 on February 12, 2001, were approved with no changes.

3.   Discussion of Reports from Recent Meetings

The Chair began the discussion of reports from recent meetings, including ITU WP 8F, CITEL PCC.III, APEC TEL and CEPT CPG2003. The Chair requested that discussion of the recent WP 8F meeting should occur under Agenda Item 5. Regarding the recent CITEL PCC.III meeting in Panama City, the FCC Advisor to IWG-1 presented an excerpt from CITEL PCC.III Doc. 1850 on HAPS under agenda item 1.33. The document was a Canadian submission focusing on WRC-2003 agenda items for Chapter 2, including mobile, mobile-satellite and space science services. This document is designated as Background Document 14 and will be available on the FCC website (www.fcc.gov.wrc-03) shortly. It was noted that no other administrations commented on Chapter 2 issues and that the United States, along with most CITEL member countries, is in a listening and information gathering mode.

Since no participants attended the recent APEC TEL meetings, there was no report of those meetings. CEPT, the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations, recently held a WRC-2003 preparatory meeting. It was noted that CEPT activities concerning WRC-2003 are also preliminary. The group will continue to monitor the events of the CEPT, whose next meeting is thought to be in May.

4.   Review of NTIA's Document on Draft U.S. Preliminary Views for WRC-2003

The Chair explained the main points in NTIA's Document on Draft U.S. Preliminary Views for WRC-2003 (Document 11), which was not available electronically before the meeting. She pointed out that only Agenda 1.22 had a preliminary U.S. Government view. For Agenda Item 1.22, which charges administrations "to consider progress of ITU-R studies concerning future development of IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000, in accordance with Resolution 228 (WRC-2000)," the preliminary view of the U.S. Government is that "no action is required at WRC-03 on this agenda item."

Several participants at the meeting felt that it was premature to state so definitively that no action was required at WRC-03. One participant observed that this no-action view is equivalent to the United States "hiding its head in the sand." It was noted that sooner or later the United States has to consider whether or not spectrum will be made available for IMT-2000, and at a minimum the United States should have a position as to when, namely for WRC-2006 or WRC-2009. Another participant agreed with these observations, questioning whether the United States looking only at spectrum that resulted from WRC-2000 is enough. He noted that the United States should at least have a direction made clear as to where it is heading. It was also noted that issues relevant to agenda item1.22 will be coming out of the Vision Working Group of WP 8F so positions will need to be refined as that occurs.

Given the amount of ITU-R WP 8F activities still expected to be conducted on this issue, the consensus at the meeting was to go on the record that, at this time, IWG-1 was not in agreement with the U.S. Government's view on agenda item 1.22. As a result, the Chair suggested as an action item, especially considering that April 18 is a deadline for views for the CITEL meeting, that the group draft views on agenda item 1.22 to counter the U.S. Government's view that no action is required at this time. The Chair created a drafting group to develop a document to be completed in two weeks (by April 4) for discussion by IWG-1 at its next meeting.

5.   Review of Documents from Rabat WP 8F Meeting

Two documents from the recent WP 8F meeting were discussed: Vision Drafting Group on CPM Text (Background Doc. 12) and Vision Drafting Group on Vision PDNR (Background Doc. 13). These two documents will be the basis for the results of ITU-R studies mentioned in the text of the agenda items. Regarding the CPM Text document, the Chair noted that 8F decided it was too early to draft CPM text. The Chair did note, however, that there are other issues relevant in Doc. 12, namely a Liaison Statement to the JTG 1-6-8-9 regarding responses to the JTG's questions regarding TWIMs (terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia). The Chair noted that the next JTG 1-6-8-9 meeting will be held in November, prior to which will be two WP 8F meetings. The Chair suggested that participants think about preparing a U.S. contribution to 8F on these issues since they will form the basis for consideration of agenda items 1.21 and 1.22. The Chair brought up that at the last U.S. preparatory meeting for JTG 1-6-8-9 there had been a suggestion to draft a possible input that would elaborate on the U.S. policy to allow flexible use of spectrum, as well as its flexible licensing policies. One participant was concerned that before explaining flexible use policies it would be better to get a handle on a definition for terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia and that we need to have the technical points in order before considering regulatory questions. The Chair responded, with support from other participants, that technical points come later and that it is crucial to first have the regulatory principles in place. For example, if the regulatory principle involves flexible spectrum use then technical regulatory policy can be made to ensure satellite, fixed, mobile, etc. uses do not interfere with each other. Another participant further noted that it is important to be careful about use of the term "services" for activities that are actually "applications."

Regarding Background Document 13, the DG on Vision PDNR, the group noted that this is a very preliminary document at this stage, since the whole document is considered to be "bracketed text." It is expected that countries and sector members will have additional contributions for the next meetings. The WG 8F is expected to complete the Vision PDNR by its May 2002 meeting, prior to which are three additional WP 8F meetings to review and define the document.

6.   Other Input Documents

There were no other input documents presented.

7.   Next Meetings

The next two meetings will be held on Wednesday, April 18 and Wednesday, May 16 at 2 PM, in the 8th Floor Conference room 8-C245 at the FCC. The Chair will not be able to attend the April 18 meeting, so the Vice-Chair will chair that meeting.

Documents distributed at the meeting were:

- Admin/Doc. 4/Rev.1/IWG-1 Document List
- Admin/Doc. 5/First Meeting Minutes
- Admin/Doc. 6/Agenda for March 21 Meeting
- Background/Doc. 11/NTIA Draft of U.S. Preliminary Views for WRC-2003
- Background/Doc. 12/WP 8F-Temp Doc 100, DG on CPM Text
- Background/Doc. 13/WP 8F-Temp Doc 111, DG on Vision PDNR