

**Minutes of the
Third Meeting of Informal Working Group 1 (IWG-1)
of the WRC-03 Advisory Committee
April 18, 2001**

1. Agenda—Approved

The agenda was approved with 23 IWG-1 participants present at FCC headquarters. There was no conference bridge. The Vice-Chair of IWG-1 presided over the meeting.

2. Minutes from 2nd Meeting—Approved

The minutes of the 2nd Meeting of IWG-1 on March 21, 2001, were approved with no changes.

3. Discussion of Reports from Recent Meetings

The Vice-Chair began the discussion of reports from recent meetings, including APEC TEL, IWG-3, IWG-7 and the April 13 CITELECC preparatory meeting. The Vice-Chair first summarized the recent APEC TEL meeting in Australia, noting that the United States was successful in setting up a wireless workshop with 60 participants, and in having a wireless item included on the agenda for the next meeting. To help frame that discussion, the U.S. delegation at the APEC TEL meeting suggested putting together a discussion paper on the U.S. licensing process called “Licensing for Investment and Build Out”. That paper is currently being drafted by private sector and government representatives. The next APEC TEL meeting will take place in September in Korea.

The Vice-Chair also gave updates on recent activities in IWG-3 and IWG-7 meetings, noting in particular that there are often unclear divisions between the tasks for the different working groups. The Vice-Chair noted that IWG-1 participants may be interested in particular in agenda item 1.34, the sharing of satellite services in Region 3 countries, and that perhaps IWG-1 can send a liaison statement to IWG-3 regarding that agenda item. The Vice-Chair noted that IWG-7 had so far concentrated on regulatory matters and had not yet discussed future agenda items. Regarding the recent CITELECC preparatory meeting, the Vice-Chair noted that nothing directly related to IWG-1’s current work was discussed.

4. Review of Draft U.S. Preliminary Views for WRC-2003 (new documents, Proposals 1, 2 and 3)

The Vice-Chair introduced document Proposal 1 which puts forth a preliminary view on WRC-2003 agenda item 1.21, specifically “to consider the progress of the ITU-R studies concerning the technical and regulatory requirements of terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia applications (TWIMS), in accordance with Resolution **737 (WRC-2000)** with a view to facilitating global harmonization.” Because there is no clear definition of TWIMS and no studies to review, the preliminary view proposed in the document is that it is premature to have a position on this agenda item. The proposed preliminary view

was accepted with minor edits. [Note: this document was subsequently approved by the WRC Advisory Committee at its April 20, 2001 meeting.]

Proposal 2 covers WRC-2003 agenda item 1.22, namely “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).” Similar to the first proposal, because there are as yet no studies to review, the preliminary view proposed in the document is that it is premature for the United States to have a position on this agenda item. The preliminary view was accepted with minor edits. [Note: this document was subsequently approved by the WRC Advisory Committee at its April 20, 2001 meeting.]

Proposal 3 covers WRC-2003 agenda item 1.33, specifically “to review and revise technical, operational and regulatory provisions, including provisional limits in relation to the operation of high altitude platform stations within IMT-2000 in the bands referred to in No. S5.338A, in response to Resolution 221 (WRC-2000).” Revisions were made to the U.S. view in this proposal to better reflect the ongoing nature of the studies being conducted, and additional text was proposed to be developed and added to the background section. Proposal 3 was approved pending additional edits due by the deadline on April 18. [Note: the revised version of the document was forwarded to IWG-1 members for comment. No objections to the new text were received. The document was approved by the WRC Advisory Committee at its April 20, 2001 meeting.]

FCC representative explained the process for reconciling and combining the FCC preliminary views with those produced by the Federal government to form final U.S. preliminary views. Interested parties may be called together to help work out differences. It was noted that the FCC may change the preliminary views adopted by the WRC Advisory Committee. The final consolidated U.S. views will be transmitted to the State Department for inclusion in the CITELE preparation process for the next PCC III meeting in June. It was noted that the FCC hopes to have this process finished by May 24 so that the next WRC Advisory Committee meeting can review.

FCC and NTIA also noted that further preliminary views are expected to be received from the Federal government in the next 1-2 weeks. It was agreed that when the views are received, the Chair or Vice-Chair of IWG-1 would circulate them electronically to the full group for their information. This was expected to happen sometime between April 20-27, 2001.

5. Review of Other Input Documents

There were no other input documents presented.

6. Schedule of upcoming meetings

The WAC meeting scheduled on April 20 was noted. The next two IWG-1 meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 and Wednesday, June 20 at 2 PM, in the 8th Floor Conference room 8-C245 at the FCC. It was agreed that if no new input documents are received and/or new issues arise to “trigger” these additional meetings, they will not be

held. In particular, it was noted that IWG-1 might want to meet to review the latest preliminary views submitted to the FCC by the Federal government. The Vice-Chair stated that either he or the Chair would send an email to the full group soliciting views on whether the meetings should be held or not.

Documents distributed at the meeting were:

- Admin/Doc. 3/Rev. 1/IWG-1 Timeline for 2001 (as of April 18, 2001)
- Admin/Doc. 4/Rev. 2/IWG-1 Document List
- Admin/Doc. 7/Minutes of the Second Meeting
- Admin/Doc. 8/Agenda for April 18 Meeting
- Proposal/Doc. 1/ IWG-1 Draft U.S. Preliminary Views on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.21
- Proposal/Doc. 2/ IWG-1 Draft U.S. Preliminary Views on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.22
- Proposal/Doc. 3/ IWG-1 Draft U.S. Preliminary Views on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.33