

From: Chairman & Vice Chairman, IWG-4
To: Chair, FCC WAC-2007 Board
Subject: Non-census on Agenda Item 1.13

IWG-4 has held 13 meetings since its inception, about 10 of these included extensive work and discussion as it pertains to ITU-R **Res.544** (WRC-03) portion for WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.13

taking into account Resolutions 729 (WRC-97), 351 (WRC-03) and 544 (WRC-03), to review the allocations to all services in the HF bands between 4 MHz and 10 MHz, excluding those allocations to services in the frequency range 7 000 -7 200 kHz and those bands whose allotment plans are in Appendices 25, 26 and 27 and whose channeling arrangements are in Appendix 17, taking account of the impact of new modulation techniques, adaptive control techniques and the spectrum requirements for HF broadcasting

The Minutes of the 13th meeting of 6 April 2006 are attached.

Following two plus hours of considerable discussion on the pros and cons of each proposal, the two major factions, the National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters (NASB) and Globewireless, Inc.(with a number of other non-government HF users of the Fixed and Mobile Services bands, could not reach agreement on one proposal. There was no compromise or consensus.

Several participants suggested different options and their impact on what might likely result at WRC-07. There was no compromise.

One final teleconference, lasting over two hours, was held on April 10, 2006, by the two opposing groups on this issue. However, the two groups, HF broadcasters and the non-governmental Fixed and Mobile Services operators, could not agree on a single Proposal, nor would they change the texts of their draft Proposals. Hence no consensus was reached. Both groups did agree that the two draft Proposals should be sent to the WAC for its consideration and action.

IWG-4 has no objection the Proposals submitted by the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) for ITU-R **Res.729** (WRC-79) and **Res, 351** (WRC-03).

Sincerely yours,

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3 Attachments:

- a. Minutes of 6 April 2006
- b. Doc. IWG-4/66 (Rev.1)
- c. Doc. IWG-4/72 (Rev.1)