

WRC-03 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INFORMAL WORKING GROUP 7 (IWG-7) Regulatory Issues and Future Agendas

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Seventh Meeting of IWG-7
Date/Time: November 13, 2001, 1:30 – 3:40 PM
Location: The Boeing Company, 1200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia
Committee Members Present: A. Allison (Chairperson), K. Baum (Vice Chairperson), S. Hutchings, J. Carroll, D. Spalt, L. Palmer, D. Jansky, J. Byrd, K. Martin, G. Rappoport, W. Richards, R. Wright, and B. Mitani
FCC Employees Present: L. Reed (FCC Coordinator), J. Garcia and A. Roytblat
Minutes Preparer: W. Richards (warren.richards@itt.com)

Introductions/Administrative Matters: The meeting was open to the public. The participants had all worked together on many previous occasions and did not need introductions.

The agenda for this Seventh Meeting (Doc. IWG-7/041 (11.13.01)) was adopted as presented.

The draft minutes from the Sixth Meeting (Doc. IWG-7/042) were approved without change.

Updates from Recent Relevant Meetings: The meeting discussed presentations of the following events:

RRB (J. Carroll)
SATBAG (L. Reed/ G. Rappoport)
Working Party 4A (D. Jansky)
CEPT CPG PT1 (J. Garcia)
CITEL PCC III (A. Allison)
WRC-03 Informal Group (J. Garcia/ A. Allison)

Of particular interest was the discussion of the importance of agenda item 1.30, which has been assigned to IWG-7 in the WAC process and to Working Party 4A in the CPM process. It was recognized that item 1.30 has the potential for a wide scope. It was proposed that consideration should be given to proposing that the scope of this agenda item be limited or narrowed. However, it may be necessary that this be accomplished through a proposal to the Plenipotentiary Conference as this agenda item makes reference to Resolution 86 (Minneapolis, 1998). Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Ms. Garcia reported on the meetings of the WRC-03 Informal Group that took place at recent meetings of the CEPT and CITELE PCC III WRC-03 preparatory groups. A document prepared by Francois Rancy with a proposed attribution of agenda items to WRC-03 Committees and Working Groups was handed out but not discussed. Mr. Jansky volunteered to chair an effort to develop material for the FCC to use in coordinating US positions with NTIA and State for the next meeting of the WRC-03 Informal Group. For example, this material might include a Conference structure with attribution of agenda items, Conference Vice Chairpersons, Committee Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons, Working Party Chairpersons and Vice Persons, an identification of difficult issues for which the Informal Group could seek resolution of prior to the Conference, etc.

The group also discussed briefly activities of CEPT PT1, which has a somewhat analogous role in the European process to IWG-7. A paper addressing Res. 49 was distributed for discussion at the next IWG-7 meeting (Doc. IWG-7/044). Other PT1 documents may be considered at future IWG-7 meetings.

Old/Continuing Business:

Doc. IWG-7/008 (09.19.01) Agenda Item 1.30(c) - Consideration of possible changes to the procedures for the advance publication, coordination and notification of satellite networks in response to Resolution 86 (Minneapolis, 1998): Re-approved for submission to the WAC on November 15. (The WAC considered the Document and approved it as presented.)

Doc. IWG-7/033 (08.08.01) Draft New Rules of Procedure re S9.11A/RRB Update: Noted

Doc. IWG-7/030 (07.26.01) Agenda Item 4 – Resolutions and Recommendations: Tabled

Doc. IWG-7/035 (07.23.01) Agenda Item 1.30/7.1 Resolution 80: Noted

New Business:

Doc. IWG-7/043 (11.12.01) WRC-03 Structure (WRC-03 Informal Group): Tabled

Additional footnote clean-up proposals: Larry Reed brought to the meeting ideas for suppressing obsolete footnotes S 5.476 and S 5.555A. After ruling out Agenda Item 7.1 as the appropriate vehicle for such clean-up proposals at this stage, the group concluded that a substantive conference agenda item should be found to treat each footnote and the possible deletions should be referred to the appropriate IWGs.

In recognition of the WAC meeting schedule, it was noted there is now an urgency to prepare U.S. proposals for the WRC-03.

Future Meetings/Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2001, at Boeing (1200 Wilson Blvd., Rosslyn, Va.) starting at 9:30 AM. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM. The Chairman reminded that due to new security procedures at Boeing, all intended participants to the next IWG-7 meeting must pre-clear by sending a message with their name and affiliation to staci.springer@boeing.com by 3:00 p.m., December 4th.

Documents Distributed:

Documents IWG-7/041 (11.13.01), 042 (11.12.01), 043 (11.12.01), 044 (11.13.01).