

**Note from the Chairman of IWG-7**

**Marrakesh Plenipotentiary Conference Actions Relative  
to WRC-03 Agenda Item 7.2 (Future Conference Agendas)**

The 2002 Plenipotentiary Conference modified Resolution 80, “World radiocommunication conference process”. A copy of the revised Resolution is attached.

As revised, the resolution includes a new dimension emphasizing consideration of financial and resource implications of proposed agenda items for future conferences:

- The new *considering d)* points to No. 126 of the Convention which requires WRCs to estimate the financial implications of their proposed agendas.
- The new *resolves 4* provides that when proposing specific agenda items for a future WRC, administrations should, to the extent possible, include “some indication of the possible financial and resource implications (preparatory studies and decision implementation), to which effect they may request the assistance of the Radiocommunication Bureau.”

Other decisions of the 2002 Plenipotentiary Conference with possible impact on WRC-03’s consideration of Agenda Item 7.2 include:

- There will only be one WRC during the period 2004-2007. That WRC will be scheduled by Council to occur during the first half of 2007.
- The Financial Plan of the Union for the period 2004-2007 foresees extensive reductions in funding and staffing for all facets of ITU activities. Funding for the Radiocommunication Sector was cut by CHF 10.7 million or 7.7 %. The implementation of these reductions will no doubt affect the preparatory process for WRC-07.

RESOLUTION 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002)

**World radiocommunication conference process**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Marrakesh, 2002),

*considering*

- a) that the agenda for the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03) was amended and approved by the Council at its 2001 session;
- b) that the radiocommunication sector has experienced rapid technological growth, and demand for new services is increasing rapidly in an environment that requires timely and efficient action,

*considering further*

- a) that, for the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997) (WRC-97) and the World Radiocommunication Conference (Istanbul, 2000) (WRC-2000), many administrations submitted common regional proposals, which greatly assisted in the efficiency of the conference proceedings;
- b) that informal groups and general liaison between regions played an important role in smoothing the work of those conferences;
- c) that, by Resolution 72 (Rev. WRC-2000), WRC-2000 encourages both formal and informal collaboration in order to resolve differences,

*noting*

- a) that this conference has adopted many of the recommendations of the Working Group on ITU Reform aimed at increasing the effectiveness of ITU in a rapidly changing environment;
- b) that, in accordance with Nos. 118 and 126 of the ITU Convention, the general scope of a world radiocommunication conference (WRC) cycle is based on a period covering two conferences, whereby agenda items requiring long periods of study can be foreseen for a future conference, while those that may be studied within two to three years can be placed on the agenda for the first conference in the cycle;
- c) that the strategic plan highlights a strategy aimed at more efficient world radiocommunication conferences;
- d) that No. 126 of the Convention requires a world radiocommunication conference (WRC) to estimate the financial implications of its proposed agenda,

*resolves*

- 1 that world radiocommunication conference preparations and administration, including budgetary appropriations, should be planned on the basis of two consecutive world radiocommunication conferences: a WRC shall propose the draft agenda of the next WRC and a provisional agenda for the second WRC;

2 to support the regional harmonization of common proposals, as stated in Resolution 72 (Rev. WRC-2000), for submission to world radiocommunication conferences;

3 to encourage both formal and informal collaboration in the interval between conferences with a view to resolving differences on items already on the agenda of a conference or new items;

4 that administrations, when proposing specific agenda items for WRC, should to the extent possible include some indication of the possible financial and resource implications (preparatory studies and decision implementation), to which effect they may request the assistance of the Radiocommunication Bureau,

*instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*  
to study, with advice from the Radiocommunication Advisory Group, ways of improving the preparations for, and the structure and organization of, world radiocommunication conferences, for consideration by WRC,

*further instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau*

1 to consult with Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations on the means by which assistance can be provided in support of their preparations for future WRCs;

2 on the basis of such consultations and in collaboration with the Telecommunication Development Bureau, to assist Member States and regional and subregional telecommunication organizations in the organization of information sessions, and of formal and informal regional and interregional preparatory meetings in their respective regions and at conference venues;

3 to submit to the Council a report on the application of *further instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau 2* above,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to encourage the participation of all Member States and Sector Members in addressing this issue.