

**RECOMMENDATION PCC.III/ REC.5 (II-95)**

**REGIONAL SATELLITE SYSTEMS OPERATING IN  
THE 1530-1544/1626.5-1645.5 Mhz BANDS AND PROVIDING  
MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS**

The Second Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications

**CONSIDERING:**

- a. That mobile-satellite systems will be operating in the 1530-1544 Mhz and 1626.5-1645.5 Mhz bands, within which GMDSS is being provided by the Inmarsat systems;
- b. That five of the seven countries that are part of the additional allocation to the mobile-satellite service in these bands (RR 726C) are in Region 2.
- c. That with the introduction of mobile-satellite systems within these frequency bands, the integrity, effectiveness and protection of maritime distress and safety communications must be continuously maintained;
- d. That guidelines for mobile-satellite systems providing maritime distress and safety communications in these bands have been developed by the Radiocommunications Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and these guidelines will be considered at the meeting of the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO in May 1995 in London, UK;
- e. That Member Countries CITELE have a major interest in preserving the effectiveness of maritime distress and safety communications.

**RECOMMENDS:**

That the CITELE Member Countries:

1. Bring this issue to the attention of both their maritime and satellite authorities noting that these guidelines will be under consideration by the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO.
2. Support the issuance of the guidelines in 1995 for circulation to IMO Member governments and SOLAS contracting governments.
3. Participate in the meeting of the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO to be held in May in London, UK.

**INSTRUCTS:**

The Executive Secretary of CITELE to distribute this RECOMMENDATION to all Member Countries of CITELE.