

PCC.II/RES.8 (II-96)

RESOLUTION OF INCOMPATIBILITIES RESULTING FROM THE 1981 AM RIO PLAN

The Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting,

WHEREAS:

- 1.The 1981 Rio Plan was developed with a view to solving the interference problems being experienced by and plan for growth for AM sound broadcasting stations in Region 2;
- 2.A number of Administrations in Region 2 have solved problems of incompatibility among AM radio stations through bilateral or multilateral agreements;
- 3.Said bilateral or multilateral agreements have managed to reduce and minimize the problems of incompatibility among AM radio stations, resulting in the more efficient and rational use of the Radio Spectrum;
- 4.The First Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting, held in Ottawa, Canada, August 1994, directed the “Working Group on the Coordination of Incompatibilities of the 1981 Rio de Janeiro AM Plan” to continue efforts to take action required to solve the incompatibilities in Region 2;
- 5.At the Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting held April 30-May 3, 1996 in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, the Chairman of the Working Group on the Coordination of Incompatibilities of the 1981 Rio de Janeiro AM Plan reported that for several reasons the group was unable to make progress on this subject;
- 6.The Chairman of the Working Group noted the need for commitment by Administrations if the Working Group were to be successful in any future efforts;
- 7.Interest was expressed by some Administrations at the meeting to continue the efforts of the Working Group;

RESOLVES:

- 1.That the Chairman of PCC.II use the attached text as a guide for a letter to be sent to all CITELE members to gauge the degree of interest of Region 2 countries in the application of the Broadcasting Agreement on Hectometric frequencies, to justify continuing work on resolving the 1981 Rio incompatibilities;
- 2.That during the period awaiting the response of the letter, the Working Group will develop a document including the actions required to solve problems of incompatibility in the MF band by means of bilateral or multilateral agreements with a view to reducing and/or eliminating said problems and achieving, thereby, a more efficient and rational use of the radiofrequency spectrum; and
- 3.That the Working Group shall compile a list of existing incompatibilities in the Region, do a follow-up to ascertain the status of same, act as facilitator for the exchange of information among the Administrations, and serve as a consultative body for those Administrations that are interested.
4. That this work will be done by correspondence.

Open Letter to member Countries of CITEL

Dear Sirs:

At the Second Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting, held in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, April 30 to May 3, 1996, there was considerable discussion regarding solving AM station incompatibilities among 1981 AM Rio Plan countries. The Chairman of the Working Group on the Coordination of Incompatibilities of the 1981 Rio de Janeiro AM Plan noted that recent efforts to make progress on the subject had not been successful.

There was further discussion based on the report by the Chairman and the document (PCC.II-65/96) submitted by the delegation of Venezuela. A number of Administrations expressed their concern over the lack of full implementation of the 1981 Rio Plan objectives. Because of minimal response and support by Administrations, there was a question as to whether there was sufficient interest in region 2 for continuing the work on this subject.

Consequently, it was decided to consult all CITEL members regarding their possible interest in this subject and whether, in addition to their support, they could offer a firm commitment and their full cooperation to the Working Group to enable it to accomplish its mandate.

I, therefore, urge you to let me know at your earliest convenience (hopefully in the next ... days/months) whether you are interested in this subject and if you would be willing to commit yourselves fully to taking part in any future work established by the Working Group on the Coordination of Incompatibilities of the 1981 Rio de Janeiro AM Plan. If there is sufficient favorable response to this letter, I will instruct the Chairman of the Working Group to proceed with plans to step up efforts on this issue.

In anticipation of a favorable response, I have instructed the Working Group: I) to develop a document which would include the actions required to solve problems of incompatibility in the AM band by means of bilateral or multilateral agreements with a view to reducing and/or eliminating said problems and achieving, thereby, a more efficient and rational use of the Radioelectric Spectrum; ii) to compile a list of existing incompatibilities in the region; iii) do a follow-up to ascertain the status of same; iv) act as facilitator for the exchange of information among the Administrations, and v) serve as a consultative body for those Administrations that are interested.

I would also remind you that at its first meeting held in August 1994, in Ottawa, PCC.II felt it necessary to urge all member Administrations of CITEL to make the strongest possible effort to analyze the present and future status of broadcasting in their countries, and to forward all comments to the Chairman of PCC.II, in particular any suggestions regarding topics this Committee should deal with in the future. Among the suggested topics of interest are: incompatibilities of RJ81 and possible solutions; consolidation of technical standards in radio broadcasting; new technologies in radio broadcasting; technical assistance and updating of databases.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter, which is of extreme importance to all Administrations in Region 2, and look forward to receiving your response at the earliest opportunity.

Very cordially,

Ralph Zeitoun
Chairman, PCC.II