An Introduction to ITU

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Outline

- *<u>What is the ITU?</u>*

- *What the ITU does?*

- *How the ITU Works?*

- *Short History of ITU*

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What is the ITU?

- *Intergovernmental Organization for development of telecommunications in which also non-governmental entities participate*

- *Founded 1865, specialized UN Agency since 1947*

  - ~190 Member Countries (decide)

  - ~600 Sector Members (advise)

Who Can Participate in ITU Work

- *All ITU members:*

  - Study Groups, Advisory Groups
  - Radiocommunication Assemblies,
  - Telecommunication Standardization Conferences
  - Development Conferences

- *Member Countries only*

  - Plenipotentiary Conferences
  - Radiocommunication Conferences
    - (but each country is sovereign in appointing its representatives)

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What the ITU does?

- *International regulations and plans*

- *Management radio frequency spectrum*

- *Standards and recommendations*

- *Assistance to developing countries*

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How the ITU Works?

- *Plenipotentiary Conferences, Council*

- *World Conferences on International Telecommunications*

- *Three ITU Sectors*

- *General Secretariat*

PP Conferences

- *Supreme authority of ITU*

- *Sets tasks, organization, plans, budget*

- *Elects Council Member Countries*

- *Elects 5 high officials and 12 RRB members*

- *One country – one voice. Consensus.*

- *Meets every 4 years*
  PP 2002: 23 Sept – 18 Oct, Morocco

PP Kyoto 1994 Plenary Session

Source: ITU Newsletter 10/94

Council

- *46 Member Countries*

- *Oversees the ITU work between PPs*

- *Meet every year*

Countries Elected to Council (1)

Algeria	*Cameroon*	*Denmark*	*Italy*
Argentina	*Canada*	*Egypt*	*Japan*
Australia	*China*	*France*	*Kenya*
Brazil	*Côte d'Ivoire*	*Gabon*	*Korea (Rep.)*
Bulgaria	*Cuba*	*Germany*	*Kuwait*
Burkina Faso	*Czech Rep.*	*India*	*Malaysia*

Countries Elected to Council (2)

Mali   *Portugal*   *Senegal*   *Tunisia*

Mexico   *Romania*   *South Africa*   *United Kingdom*

Morocco   *Russia*   *Spain*   *United States*

Pakistan   *Saint Lucia*   *Switzerland*   *Venezuela*

Philippines   *Saudi Arabia*   *Tanzania*   *Vietnam*

Poland   *Thailand*

Elected ITU Officials

Source: ITU News 2/99

Houlin Zhao (China), Robert Jones (Can.),Yoshio Utsumi (Japan),
Hamadoun Toure' (Mali), Roberto Blois (Brasil)

Elected ITU RRB Members

(1) H Railton (NZ), M Javed (Pak), J Tandoh (Ghana), R Agarwal (India), JB Yao (Cote d'Ivoire), C Merchan (Mex), V Timofeev (Rus)
(2) R Jones (Can), R Struzak (Pol), A Toumi (Mrc), P Aboudarham (F), G Kovacs (H), J Carrol (USA)

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Radiocommunication Sector

– Tasks

– Radiocommunication Conferences

– Study Groups and Assemblies

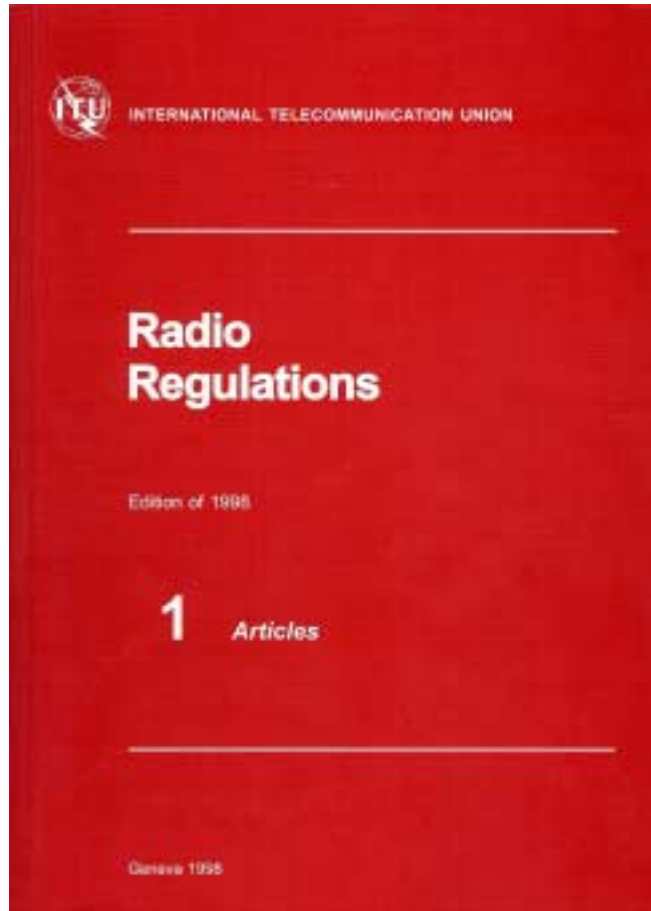– Radio Regulations Board

– Bureau

Tasks of Radiocommunication Sector

- *To ensure rational, equitable, efficient use of the radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbits*

    - Treaty-level Radio Regulations

    - Recommendations

- *To register the frequency and orbital positions assignments made by the Member States*

- *To maintain the relevant master databases*

Radiocommunication Conferences

- *Supreme body in world-wide management and regulation of the radio frequency spectrum*

- *The body authorized to revise RR*

- *Held normally every two years*

- *Base on the national studies and the work of Study Groups*

Radio Regulations (RR)

- International Treaty

- Basic agreement on the uses made of radio frequencies

- 4 Volumes, ~2000 pages

- Complemented by the RRB "Rules of Procedures"

RRS04

"All [radio] stations…must be established and operated in such a manner as not to cause harmful interference to the radio services…of other [ITU] Members…which operate in accordance with the provisions of these regulations."
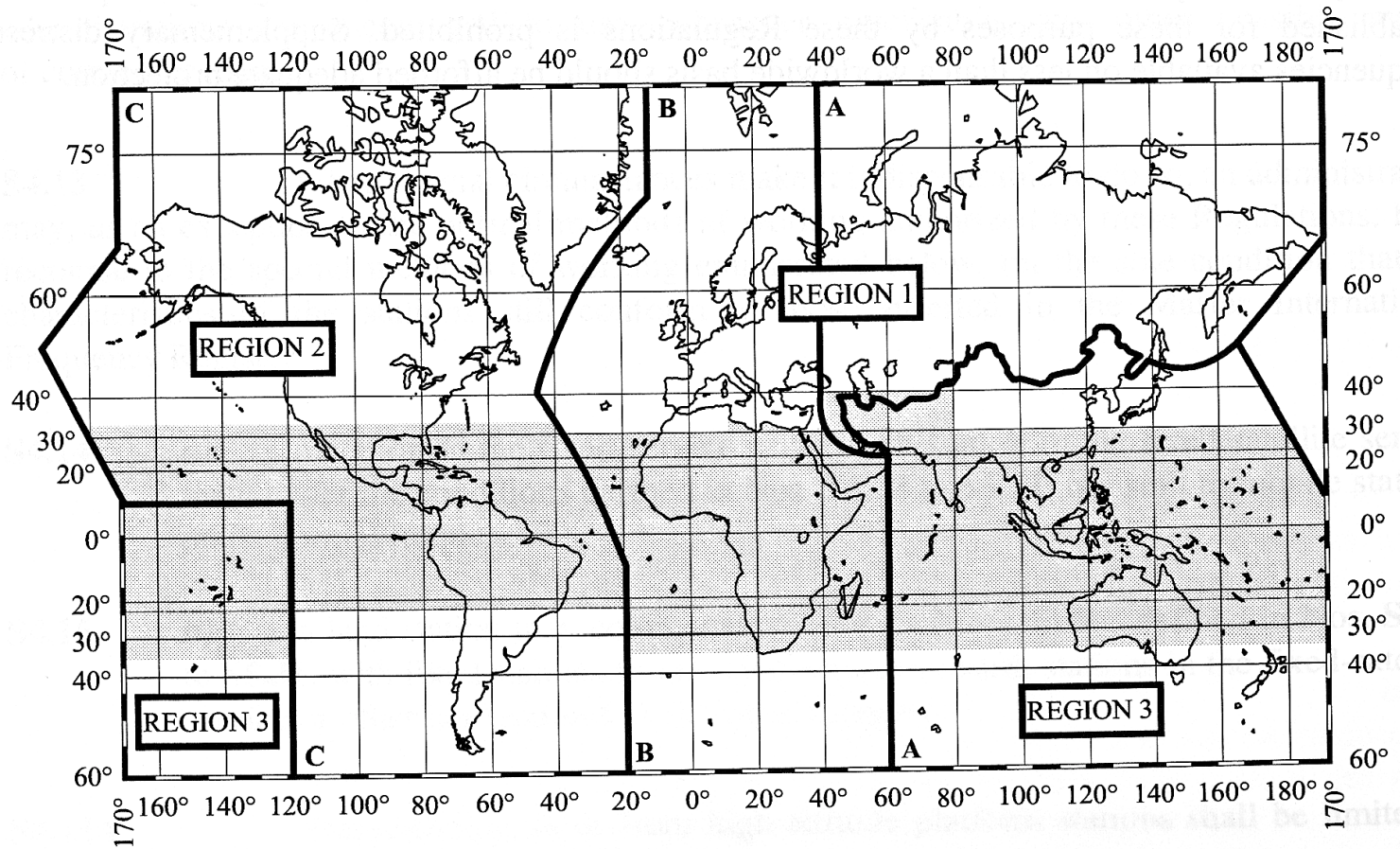
» [RRS04 and No.197 of the ITU Constitution]

RR Frequency Allocation Table

GHz

Regions

Services

Footnotes

Allocation to services		
Region 1	**Region 2**	**Region 3**
1 525-1 530 SPACE OPERATION (space-to-Earth) FIXED MOBILE-SATELLITE (space-to-Earth) Earth exploration-satellite Mobile except aeronautical mobile S5.349 S5.341 S5.342 S5.350 S5.351 S5.352A S5.354	**1 525-1 530** SPACE OPERATION (space-to-Earth) MOBILE-SATELLITE (space-to-Earth) Earth exploration-satellite Fixed Mobile S5.343 S5.341 S5.351 S5.354	**1 525-1 530** SPACE OPERATION (space-to-Earth) FIXED MOBILE-SATELLITE (space-to-Earth) Earth exploration-satellite Mobile S5.349 S5.341 S5.351 S5.352A S5.354
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RR Regions

The shaded part represents the Tropical Zones as defined in Nos. **S5.16** to **S5.20** and **S5.21.**

S5-01

RRB

- *Supreme, independent body that decides on solving problems in international management, regulation and use of the radio spectrum between Radio Conferences*

- *Sets "Rules of Procedure"*

- *Consists of 12 members elected by PP. RRB Members serve as "custodians of an international public trust" and do not represent their countries.*

- *They work on a part-time basis and meet normally 4 times a year for 5 days. They do not receive salary from ITU*

Study Groups

- *Study technical & operational questions*

- *Produce technical bases for negotiations at ITU Radio Conferences*

- *Produce recommendations for approval*

- *Consist of Experts (>>1500) delegated by governments & non-governmental entities (at their cost)*

Standardization Sector

- *Tasks*

  – Solve technical, operational and tariff questions with a view of standardizing all telecommunications (wired and wireless) on worldwide basis.

- *Telecommunications Standardization Conferences and Study Groups*
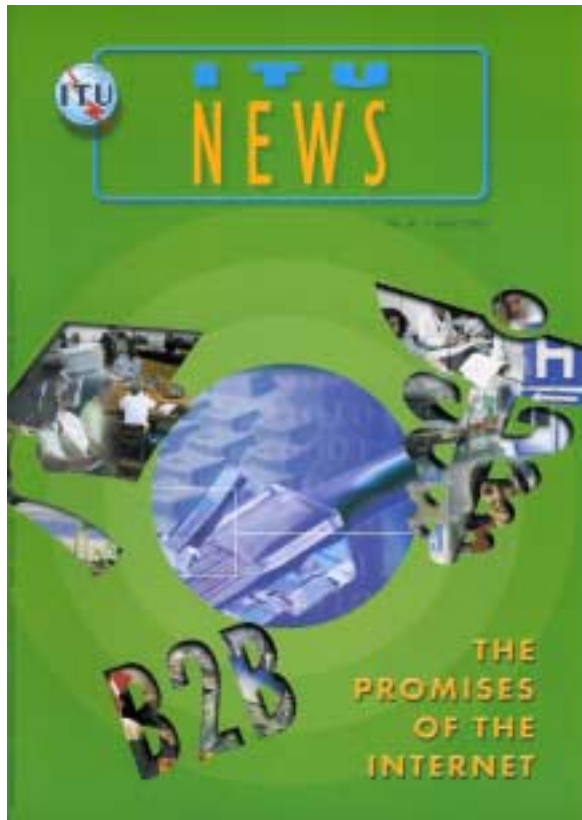
- *Bureau*

Development Sector

- *Tasks*

  – To discharge the Union's dual responsibility as a UN specialized agency and executing agency for implementing projects under the UN development system or other funding arrangements.

- *Development Conferences, Study Groups*

  – 2002 Conference: 18 – 27 March in Istanbul, Turkey

- *Bureau*

The General Secretariat

- *The ITU Secretary-General is the legal representative of the Union.*

- *With the Coordination Committee and Secretariat, he coordinates the Union's activities and prepares policies and plans for the Union (for approval by PP) .*

- *Assisted in these duties by the Deputy Secretary-General, he is also responsible to the PP and Council for the administrative and financial issues.*

ITU Publications

- ITU publishes a multitude of documents, see www.itu.int/publications

- Working documents are free for the participants

- Final documents are available at a cost

- ITU News (Online edition: http://www.itu.int/itunews)

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ITU videotape (~12')
"Towards Universal Telecommunications"

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