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The World Administrative Radio Conference for the planning of the broadcasting-satellite service in frequency bands 11.7-12.2 GHz (in Regions 2 and 3) and 11.7-12.5 GHz (in Region 1) closed on 13 February 1977 with the signature of the Final Acts established by the 660 delegates from 111 countries and 12 international organizations represented at the Conference.

The Chairman of the Conference was Mr. I. Lønberg (Denmark) and the Vice-Chairmen Mr. N. Bouhired (Algeria), Mr. R. E. Lee (United States), Mr. A. Fadami (Iran), Mr. Y. Maki (Japan) and Mr. A. L. Badalov (USSR).

The Conference, which opened on 10 January, was instructed:

- to establish the sharing criteria for the bands 11.7-12.2 GHz (in Regions 2 and 3) and 11.7-12.5 GHz (in Region 1) between the broadcasting-satellite service and the other services to which these bands are allocated;
- to plan for the broadcasting-satellite service in the above-mentioned bands;
- to establish procedures to govern the use of these bands by the broadcasting-satellite service and by the other services to which these bands are allocated;
- to consider the results of the work of the Group of Experts on the possible rearrangement of the Radio Regulations and the Additional Radio Regulations.

The Conference established a Plan for the broadcasting-satellite service in Regions 1 and 3 (the whole world except the Americas). Provisions were adopted governing the broadcasting-satellite service in Region 2 (the Americas), pending the establishment of a detailed plan. The Region 2 plan will be established by a regional administrative radio conference in 1982.

It also decided to have published by the Secretary-General of the ITU the text concerning the rearrangement of the Radio Regulations approved by the Conference. The preparation of this text was entrusted

to Committee 7 and will serve essentially as a basis for telecommunication administrations of ITU Member countries to present proposals to the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference. This Conference will meet in Geneva for a period of 10 weeks, beginning on 24 September 1979, to revise the whole of the Radio Regulations. It will be the most important world conference on this subject since the 1959 Conference, which was held in Geneva some 20 years ago and which lasted from 17 August until 21 December.

The texts adopted by the Conference are contained in the Final Acts and comprise some 150 pages. They are divided into two parts:

- Part I contains the texts prepared for the broadcasting-satellite service and comprises 16 articles, 11 annexes, a final protocol, nine resolutions and eight recommendations;
- Part II, comprising only a few pages, relates to the rearrangement of the Radio Regulations and of the Additional Radio Regulations and to the publication of this text not later than September 1977.

A detailed article on the results of the work of this Conference will appear in a forthcoming number of the *Telecommunication Journal*.