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## THE RESULTS OF THE AFRICAN LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE

The African LF/MF Broadcasting Conference resumed its work on 19 September 1966, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alpha Diallo (Republic of Guinea). It was attended by delegations of all but 11 of the 78 Members of the Union in the European and African Broadcasting Areas.

Representatives of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the International Radio and Television Organization (OIRT) and the African and Malagasy

beginning of the conference. Furthermore, since the conference, according to its mandate, was to respect existing assignments in other areas recorded in



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Posts and Telecommunications Union (AMPTU) were also present.

The first week of the conference was devoted mainly to an examination of the Recommendations of the Group of experts, which had met early in 1964, regarding the technical data to be used as a basis for the establishment of a medium-frequency broadcasting plan for Africa and relevant texts adopted by the CCIR at its XIth Plenary Assembly.

### A considerable task

Once the Technical Committee had adopted the data to be used, the Plan Committee was able to start its work, most of which was carried out in the initial stages, by a number of working groups, each dealing with a particular series of channels. The task to be undertaken by these working groups proved to be much greater than expected, since, although the IFRB had prepared a draft Plan, a substantial number of additional requirements were submitted at the

the *Master International Frequency Register*, it encountered further difficulties, particularly due to the fact that the channelling system in Asia does not correspond to that adopted in both Europe and Africa.

As a result, the three-week duration foreseen for the conference proved to be quite inadequate and could only be respected by a tremendous effort on the part of the delegates, who were often obliged, during the second and third weeks, to work through into the early hours of the morning.

### Establishment of a Plan

Thanks to these efforts, an Agreement was signed by the delegations of the 36 African countries represented, on the morning of Saturday, 8 October. Annexed to the Agreement, which will enter into force on 1 January 1968, are the Plan for the assignment of frequencies to broadcasting stations in the African Broadcasting Area for the band 525-

1605 kc/s, and the technical data used for the establishment of that Plan.

The conference also adopted a number of Resolutions relating in particular to the implementation of the Plan, the bringing up-to-date of the *Master International Frequency Register* on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and the co-ordination of the Plan which the countries of Region 3 and those of the Middle East which do not belong to the European Broadcasting Area.

Finally, it should be mentioned that the conference found that no action was required at present regarding the use of the band 150-285 kc/s by African countries.

### Departure of the Editor of the Telecommunication Journal

Mr. Colin K. F. Mackenzie, Head of the Journal, Library, and Documents Division, left the service of the Union on 15 October last. At a farewell reception, Mr. M. Mili, Deputy Secretary-General (seen below shaking hands with Mr. Mackenzie), expressed his gratitude for all Mr. Mackenzie had done for the Union. After stressing how necessary it was to keep the public informed, he paid tribute to Mr. Mackenzie's outstanding skill in doing so, thanks to which, among other things, the *Telecommunication Journal* had taken on a new life. He wished Mr. Mackenzie every success in his new post with the United Nations World Food Programme in Rome.



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