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PUBLIC FORUM TO ASSESS FCC'S PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCES

The World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRCs) are assembled every three to four years under the auspices of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and are tasked with revising treaty text in the form of the Radio Regulations. The results of WRCs have broad implications for U.S. consumers and industry. The last World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03) was held during June 9-July 4, 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The U.S. delegation returned from WRC-03 with a long list of accomplishments that will help secure spectrum allocations for the introduction of emerging technologies, protection of incumbent telecommunication services from interference, enablement of new commercial ventures, creation of jobs and increased global competition. In light of these accomplishments, and as a prelude to the preparations for the next WRC, the FCC's International Bureau will hold a public forum to examine the methods and practices the FCC used in preparation for WRC-03 and assess whether the process can be improved. In particular, we seek public views on how the FCC could further facilitate public participation, increase transparency, intensify its international outreach and generally promote public interest goals in the WRC preparatory process.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on Friday, October 17, 2003, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.). The draft Agenda for the meeting is attached. Comments may be presented at the meeting or in advance by email to: wrc07@fcc.gov

For additional information, please contact Alex Roytblat, Director of the FCC's WRC-07 Team, at (202) 418-7501 or John Giusti, Deputy Chief of the International Bureau's Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division, at (202) 418-1407.

AGENDA

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445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-C305
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October 17, 2003; 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks
2. WRC-03 Advisory Committee (WAC)
 - a. Public participation
 - b. Meeting Scheduling
 - c. Meeting Format
 - d. Information availability/accessibility
3. FCC's Preparatory Activities for WRC-03
 - a. Transparency
 - b. Domestic, regional and international activities
 - c. International Outreach
4. Improvements for WRC-07 Preparatory Process
5. Summary