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NEW ANACOM WEBSITE

The new website of the *ICP - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has been operational since 5 February. As reported in the previous edition of *Spectru*, the site's nearly 10 000 pages of information in Portuguese and English appear with a new graphic image, along with new areas and functions. Particular emphasis has also been given to facilitating navigation by people with special needs.

Besides an attendance service that will allow forms to be filled out online, the new website also has a Press Room and new areas, namely one on ANACOM's international presence and another on the R&TTE (Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment) regime.

The newly-created Online Services aim to complement the existing public attendance desks at the ANACOM headquarters and regional branch offices, by making diverse information and services available to consumers. In the launch phase, such include electronic forms for applications by planners and installers in the context of the regime for Telecommunications Infrastructures in Buildings (ITED) and subsequent modifications thereto, as well as means to file claims regarding protection from radio reception, and to schedule aptitude tests for the practice of amateur radio activity, obtain the registrations needed to pursue personal radio service - citizen's band (CB) and, lastly, to register as a provider of audiotext services. Beyond the online forms, the service also provides related information, as well as a glossary of

terms used in the sector and a space for frequently asked questions (FAQ) that are also grouped by themes such as the National Numbering Plan, fixed telephone service, audiotext service, local loop unbundling, ITED and various ANACOM contacts.

The ANACOM website is also endowed with an enhanced search engine and has integrated the principles of the international organisation W3C and its Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI), as well as the manual released by the ACESSO (Information Society Access by Citizens with Special Needs) unit of the Ministry of Science and Technology, "Access to Public Administration Websites - Navigation Requirements". The blind and visually impaired in particular should find it easier to navigate the ANACOM website, which now facilitates navigation by enabling the use of specially adapted keyboards, besides providing subtitled images, graphic contrast and simplified page structure.

The ANACOM website also includes a content management application that, besides speeding the publication process, enables interoperation with other systems, particularly the next generation of information services. ◀

SEE <http://www.w3.org/WAI/>

SEE <http://www.anacom.pt/index.jsp?categoryId=2958>

SEE <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=33681>

SEE <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=33780>

REFERENCE OFFER FOR UNBUNDLING THE LOCAL LOOP

The *ICP - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved in a 17 January decision a package of modifications to introduce in the prices applicable for shared access service provided in the context of the Reference Offer for Unbundling the Local Loop.

Noteworthy among the prices now defined is the monthly fee for unbundled local loop with either POTS (plain old telephony service) or ISDN (integrated service digital network) filters, respectively set at €7.82 (1,568 escudos) and €7.92 (1,588 escudos).

PT Comunicações was given five days to include the new conditions in its Reference Offer. The historic operator was also asked to present a proposal regarding the supply of transfer service from shared to full access.

Likewise determined on the same date were modifications to include in the prices of certain services provided in the context of the Reference Offer for

Unbundling the Local Loop (prices applicable to co-installation service) and conditions associated to the provision of access to information (PTC should provide information on the number of broadband accesses, unbundled by technology and by MDF, and on loops dependent on remote concentration units, and also develop an information system associated to data in its network, available for consultation by new operators). These modifications will be included by *PT Comunicações, S.A.*, in the 2001 Reference Offer for Unbundling the Local Loop within the period of 10 days.

These two decisions realise the corresponding draft decisions adopted on 14 December and 22 November 2001 respectively. ◀

SEE <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=574&contentId=30302>

SEE <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=574&contentId=30298>

CURRENT EVENTS

ANACOM president not available for new mandate

The president of the *ICP - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM), Luís Nazaré, released on 29 January a personal statement indicating that he was not available for a further term of office, which according to the new ANACOM statutes now has a duration of five years.

Number portability

Number portability has been available in fixed networks since 30 June 2001 and in mobile networks since 1 January 2002. It is now supported in an automatic solution, after migration of the interim solution was successfully completed last 21 January. The solution is implemented on a secure communications network, interconnecting the systems of all providers with portability obligations to the Reference Entity, and supporting all administrative procedures between providers that are needed to effect number portability. Meanwhile, by 31 January the total number of ported numbers had risen to 3 568. See also <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=613>.

Interconnection prices for land mobile service operators

The *ICP - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved on 24 January a decision on the prices for interconnection services practiced in 2001 and to practice in 2002 by land mobile service operators, following on the corresponding draft decision adopted on 4 December 2001.

The same decision determined that negotiations on the interconnection agreements for 2002 among land mobile service operators should be completed within 20 days.

It was decided under terms of no. 4 of article 34 of Decree-Law 474/99 that *PT Comunicações, S.A.*, should comply with the cost orientation obligations. A recommendation was also made to the remaining fixed telephone service providers to assure integral repercussion of interconnection price cuts on the prices for final users. See <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=600>.

SMP in fixed telephone networks and fixed telephone service

By decision of 24 January 2002, which gives continuity to the draft decision approved on 21 December 2001, the *ICP - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) decided to designate *PT Comunicações, S.A.*, as an operator with significant market power (SMP) in the market for fixed telephone networks and/or fixed telephone service, for effects of article 3 of the Regulation for the Operation of Fixed Telephone Service. Details at <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=30602>. See as well *Spectru* edition of December (page 2).

SMP in Leased Lines

The *ICP - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) decided on 3 January to approve a draft decision on designating *PT Comunicações, S.A.*, as an operator with significant market power (SMP) in the market for leased lines, for effects of no. 1 of article 21 of the Regulation for the Operation of Public Telecommunications Networks; the opi-

nion of the Directorate-General of Trade and Competition was obtained beforehand.

PT Comunicações, S.A. was notified of this draft decision and must respond in writing within 10 days, according to terms of article 101, no. 1 of the Code of Administrative Procedure. Additional information at <http://www.anacom.pt/template2.jsp?categoryId=2983>.

Modifications to the regulations for FTS and telecommunications services for public use

The *ICP - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) submitted for appreciation by the Infrastructure Minister a draft decree-law that modifies the Regulation for the Operation of Fixed Telephone Service (Decree-Law 474/99 of 8 November) and the Regulation for the Operation of Telecommunications Service for Public Use (Decree-Law 290-B/99 of 30 July). The modifications are due to the introduction of the operator portability function and the implementation of local loop unbundling, which imply the adoption of new rules with respect to the reporting of contracts.

Convergence and Regulation Initiative

The seven figures of recognised merit who gathered to study relevant issues raised in the context of convergence between the telecommunications and audiovisual sectors submitted the results of their work in January to the ANACOM/ICS (*Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações/ Instituto da Comunicação Social*) joint working group headed by their respective presidents, which co-ordinated the initiative. The working group set up in the context of the Convergence and Regulation Initiative is, based on that contribution, preparing a public consultation on the question, which should be launched on 15 February, as anticipated in Order 863/2001 of 14 September.

Evaluation of Public Administration websites

The first phase of the bi-annual evaluation of direct and indirect state administration websites began on 14 January and is being carried out by *Accenture*. In accordance with Council of Ministers Resolution 22/2001 of 27 February, the internet presence of public administration websites is henceforth subject to periodic evaluation, namely with regard to the updating of online information, its presentation, ease of use for research purposes and accessibility for citizens with special needs. About 500 bodies will be subject to evaluation, among them ministries, state secretariats and institutes.

Communications Museum

"Telephone Exchanges in Portugal" is one of the ongoing temporary exhibitions at the Communications Museum, property of the Portuguese Communications Foundation, until 28 February. The Museum promotes various activities, among them seminars on the internet and workshops to discuss the world of communications, besides hosting children's visits to a post office, where they can play the roles of postal workers in a real environment. The permanent exhibition is dedicated to "Communicating Worlds" and illustrates the evolution over time of means of communication.

NEWLY-ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Announcement - international public tender no. 1/2002** (III Series of the *Diário da República* of 29 January) - Concerning the acquisition by the ICP - *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) of an integrated system of discreet equipment and respective accessories for its Radio Laboratories. Proposals should be submitted to the ANACOM Public Attendance Service by 11 March, and will be opened in public on the following day.
- **Administrative Rule no. 75/2002** (I Series-B of the D.R. of 22 January) - Modifies Administrative Rule no. 536/95 of 3 June, which approves the Regulation for the Service of Postal Money Orders.
- **Infrastructure Ministry Notice** (III Series of the D.R. of 16 January) - Approves the regional and port plans for maritime mobile service, as anticipated in no. 2 of article 9 of Decree-Law no. 179/97 of 24 July. Under terms of the said measure, as proposed by the port authorities and after consultation of the diverse interested parties, ANACOM is responsible for promoting or altering the port plans.
- **Order no. 8/2002** (II Series of the D.R. of 7 January) - Joint measure of the ministries of Health, Infrastructure, Economy, and Science and Technology; sets up an interministerial Working Group responsible for studying the Recommendation of the Council no. 1999/519/EC of 12 July 1999, in order to warn of the eventual effects on human health of electromagnetic radiation in frequencies ranging from 0 to 300 GHz. The team should propose a framework of basic restrictions and appropriate reference levels, taking into particular account the international studies, norms and practices in this area. It should also draw up proposals for concrete action, namely via preventive measures to apply in the installation of radiocommunications stations/antennae. The Working Group, coordinated by the Health Ministry representative, should submit the conclusions of its work within three months, although its mandate may be extended for an equal period of time if deemed necessary. See details at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryld=3730&contentld=34100>.
- **Administrative Rule no. 27/2002** (I Series-B of the D.R. of 4 January) - Homologises the compensation table for the broadcast of radio antenna time.
- **Decree-Law no. 4/2002** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 4 January) - Approves the new legal framework of the Portuguese Quality System.
- **Decree-Law no. 2/2002** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 4 January) - Modifies Decree-Law no. 82/2000 of 11 May, which created Portugal Global, S.G.P.S., S.A.
- **Law no. 109-A/2001** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 27 December) - Approves the Major Agenda Options for 2002.
- **Decree of the President of the Republic no. 61/2001** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 18 December) - Ratifies the Treaty of Nice, which modifies the Treaty of the European Union, the treaties that instituted the European Communities and some Acts concerning those treaties approved for ratification by Resolution of Parliament no. 79/2001 (I Series-A of the D.R. of 18 December).
- **Administrative Rule no. 1428-A/2001** (I Series-B of the D.R. of 17 December) - Modifies regulations of the public tender for the award of four nationwide licences for international mobile telecommunications systems (IMT2000/UMTS). Rectifications to the measure published on 18 January (I Series-B).
- **Decree-Law no. 324/2001** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 17 December) - Modifies Decree-Law no. 113/2001 of 7 April, which approves the statutes of the Portuguese Quality Institute (IPQ).
- **Decree-Law no. 323/2001** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 17 December) - Converts amounts expressed in escudos to euros, in legislation in the area of justice.
- **Infrastructure Ministry Notice** (III Series of the D.R. of 30 November) - Published in compliance with Decree-Law no. 192/2000 of 18 August, which transposes the R&TTE Directive into the national legal order.

On January 10, the Council of Ministers approved a package of measures in the area of Information Society, namely a resolution that determines Public Administration's adoption of plans for managing the acquisition, usage and updating of computer programmes, a decree-law that grants the Foundation for Science and Technology powers to set up an internet website with information on scientific and technological jobs, another decree-law that implies the creation by the Science and Technologies Observatory of a register of ongoing doctoral theses and a resolution that determines the referencing of state internet websites and state advertising on internet websites operated by third parties.

MAJOR AGENDA OPTIONS

The development of open and competitive markets, the defence of users and consumers, and the development of the information society, as well as the convergence of telecommunications and the audiovisual and the creation of a sectorial super-regulator, are the fundamental aims announced in the Major Agenda Options for 2002 (Law 109-A/2001 of December 27).

In the more specific context of policy for science, technology and innovation (article 7, point 4), particular attention is given to training and the certification of powers in information technologies, extensive use of information and communication technologies as instruments of social, cultural and economic development, stimulation of development of Portuguese internet content, development of the Science, Technology and Society Network, implementation of measures to digitalise functions of public administration and the online launch of the national science and technology library.

With regard to media (article 6, point 7), the document anticipates the creation of new technical infrastructures for the launch of digital radio and television and the definition, previously mentioned, of a new regulatory model for the audiovisual and telecommunications sectors.

The targets set by the government are made to fit the current European context, which favours fulfilment of the goals of consolidating Economic and Monetary Union, continuing with the process of the European Union's eastward enlargement, progress in the creation of a space of freedom, security and justice, continuing debate on evolution of the common agricultural policy (CAP), continuation of the Lisbon strategy for the European Union to become the world's most competitive and dynamic knowledge economy, the liberalisation of rail transports, gas and electricity, and the strengthening of the internal market.

The Major Agenda Options are framed in the National Plan for Economic and Social Development and in the Community Support Framework for 2002-2006.

EUROPEAN UNION

EUROPEAN COMPETITION DAY

The seminar to mark European Competition Day will be held on 26 February in Madrid and includes a general session on competition and consumers, and two round-tables dedicated to the internet and to sports and competition. Among those due to attend the event are the European Commissioner for Competition, Mario Monti, the Spanish Minister of Economy, Rodrigo Rato, and the President of the Committee of Economic and Monetary Affairs, Ms Randzio-Plath.

See http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/misc/european_competition_day/.

COMMUNICATION ON THE BARCELONA EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The European Commission adopted on 15 January a Communication addressed to the 15-16 March European Council in Barcelona. The document titled "The Lisbon Strategy: making changes happen" indicates optimistic prospects for the goal set out at the close of Portugal's European Union Presidency term two years ago, i.e., to make the Union the world's most dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy within the next decade. After the successful adoption of the euro and the creation of monetary union, the Commission holds that economic union remains to be consolidated. It thus defines three priority areas for action in 2002, in the area of employment (elaboration of active strategies aiming to achieve full employment), network industries and financial market integration, and, lastly, increased investment in knowledge.

Additional information at http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/02/68|0|RAPID&lg=EN.

ICTS AND CO-OPERATION POLICY

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) play a major role in the pursuit of community co-operation policies and Union aid to poorer countries, considers the European Commission in its communication on "Information and Communication Technologies in Development: the role of ICTs in EC development policy".

Details at http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/02/116|0|RAPID&lg=EN.

ICTS AND B2B

A study based on a survey of 180 companies and released on 23 January indicates that information and communication technologies (ICTs) have also resulted in a real commercial revolution, particularly with regard to business-to-business (B2B) relations.

At http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/02/121|0|RAPID&lg=EN.

DATA TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES SIMPLIFIED

The Commission adopted on 22 January a decision that establishes simplified contractual clauses that should be followed in cases of personal data transfers to non-community countries that lack an adequate level of data protection. The Commission had previously recognised as secure all states integrating the European Economic Area, along with Iceland, Norway,

Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Hungary and Canada, and, in the United States, those companies that have adhered to the *Safe Harbour* agreement. The use of the clauses is nevertheless optional.

See http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/02/102|0|RAPID&lg=EN.

GO DIGITAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2002

The European Commissioner for Enterprises and Information Society, Erkki Liikanen, launched on 21 January at a conference in Berlin the *Go Digital Awareness 2002* campaign, whose aim is to make small and medium sized companies aware of the advantages of e-business and the digital economy. It was the first conference of a series of related events to be held in the European Union in 2002; among them was a seminar held in Brussels on 21 and 22 January.

At http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/02/92|0|RAPID&lg=EN;

<http://europa.eu.int/ISPO/e-commerce/godigital/Welcome.html>; and http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/02/95|0|RAPID&lg=EN.

ONLINE CONSULTATION ON THE SINGLE MARKET

The Commission has launched an online consultation in the context of the *New Approach* initiative, which in the last decade has regulated the safety and technical harmonisation of industrial products, ensuring free circulation within the Internal Market. Comments on the consultation can be submitted until 31 March.

See http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/02/11|0|RAPID&lg=EN; and <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/newapproach/index.htm>.

OJEC

- **Opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2002/C19/01)** - Concerning the sixth report on the implementation of the telecommunications regulatory package. Published on 22 January.
- **Opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2002/C19/05)** - Concerning the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions on Helping SMEs to "Go Digital". Published on 22 January.
- **Opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2002/C19/09)** - Concerning the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: "eLearning Action Plan - thinking the future of education". Published on 22 January.
- **Judgment of the Court of 16 October 2001** - Case C-429/99, concerning call-back service and the application of the Directives 90/388/EEC and 96/19/EC. Published on 22 December.

SEE <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

CEPT MEETINGS

ERO BOARD

The fifth extraordinary meeting of the Board of the European Radiocommunications Office (ERO) of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) was held on 8 January in Copenhagen. Its main objectives were to make a final decision on proposed changes to the Convention (though debated, this matter was put off until the next meeting), appoint a new chairman of the board and make a decision on hiring an expert for the organisation, given the withdrawal of the one selected.

The nomination of the French representative (Mr Monfort) to the position of board chairman was unanimously accepted. On the recruitment of a new expert, whose functions involve the management of radiocommunications frequencies, a decision was made to launch a new call for candidates. See details at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=33372>.

CAF-R

The last meeting of CAF-R, a subgroup of the Joint Group on Satellites (PT5)/PTSAT) was held on 14-15 January at the ERO premises in Copenhagen.

Over the past year, this group has focused on the current application of One Stop Shopping for Satellites (OSS-SAT), in order to reduce same and make it easier to use. This review also aimed to expand its implementation to more CEPT countries and facilitate its use by industry, given that the rates of both its implementation and usage are very low.

The final result was an extremely significant reduction of the application: concretely, only about 30 of the CAF's 100 questions remain. On the other hand, its name was also changed, from CAF (Combined Application Form) to COM (Common Application Form). Also at the meeting, final adjustments were made and an action plan and strategy outlined for the COM's introduction and implementation.

ECC FM PT22

The subgroup of the FM Project Team of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC), concerned with Electromagnetic Radiation Measurement - Common Method (FM PT22), met on 9-11 January in Paris, with 16 delegates from 10 countries present. The agenda focused exclusively on continuation of the definition among the CEPT countries of a common method to measure electromagnetic radiation, applicable to the evaluation

of existing fields vis-à-vis the reference levels adopted by each country.

The Portuguese delegation presented the results obtained from a questionnaire on the different limits existing in the CEPT countries; it is noteworthy that 11 of the 19 countries that have responded to the questionnaire follow the limits of the Council Recommendation or the practically identical ones of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

ECC PT1

Brussels was on January 22-23 the venue for a meeting of ECC/PT1, the group responsible for all matters related to the evolution of UMTS/IMT-2000, co-ordinating European contributions and positions on spectrum and regulatory questions, as well as those concerning sharing/compatibility in the WP8F context (IMT-2000 and Systems Beyond IMT-2000) of the Radiocommunications Sector of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU-R).

On matters concerning the use of spectrum for IMT-2000, most emphasis was given to issues linked to the designation of 2x20 MHz for use by the IMT-2000 satellite component in the 2.5 GHz band, and to revision of ITU-R Recommendation M.1036.

With respect to the designation of 2x20 MHz for use by the IMT-2000 satellite component in the 2.5 GHz band, some countries, namely Germany and Finland, want to use all the spectrum identified in this band solely for the terrestrial component. On the other hand, countries such as France, the United Kingdom and Italy prefer to assign the band to IMT-2000 without specifying the component (satellite or terrestrial), postponing that decision until 2004.

Regarding the revision of ITU-R Recommendation M.1036 on the implementation of frequency plans for IMT-2000's terrestrial component, options on the possible usage (joint or independent) of spectrum in 900 MHz, 2 GHz and 2.5 GHz were defined.

The revision of the Recommendation on "co-ordination of UMTS/IMT-2000 in border areas" was agreed upon, to include the new propagation model approved by ITU-R (Rec. P.1546). A new ECC Recommendation will also be developed, concerning in frequency terms the usage conditions to adopt for the UTRA TDD LCR (variant system from that initially conceived for TDD and which occupies 1.6 MHz instead of 5 MHz) system, which was recently included in the 3GPP specifications.

SEE www.cept.org

SEE www.ero.dk

SEE www.eto.dk

INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP

MARKET ANALYSIS WG

The sixth meeting of the Working Group (WG) on Market Analysis/Statistical Indicators of the Independent Regulators Group (IRG) was held last 25 January in Lisbon, at the invitation of the ICP - *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM).

The experiences and difficulties of various regulators with respect to the collection of statistical indicators for the year 2000 were reported; the new format of indicators to use for 2001, namely concerning broadband infrastructure, was also discussed.

The WG assessed the possibility of developing price baskets for telecommunications services adapted to the European market. The participants also agreed on a new challenge for the group, concerning the harmonisation of surveys to elaborate studies on consumers' perception of telecommunications services, in order to obtain results comparable in the various European countries.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION

TDAG MEETING

The 7th meeting of the Telecommunications Development Advisory Group (TDAG) of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) was held in Geneva on 16-18 January.

The meeting, the last before the World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC02), was preceded by a two-day preparatory meeting, which mainly focused on the adoption of a consolidated report of results from the Conference's preparatory meetings in the five regions (Arab states, Europe and the Confederation of Independent States - CIS, Asia and Pacific, Africa and the Americas).

Given the imminence of WTDC02, the agenda and work of the meeting gave preference to matters related to the preparation thereof, and also to analysis of various reports that will be submitted at the Conference and specifically the TDAG report.

The recommendations of the ITU's Reform Group that concerned the Development Sector (ITU-D) were likewise among topics debated at the meeting.

Also reviewed was a document on ITU-D's contribution to the Union's draft

Strategic Plan and the implications of same on elaboration of the Sector's operational and financial plans.

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) will be held in two phases (December 2003 in Geneva and 2005 in Tunis) and counts the support of United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan; the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution in early January that welcomes the organisation of the event and calls for active participation by the member-states.

A result of an initiative of the ITU's 1998 Plenipotentiaries Conference, the WSIS aims to support the UN's efforts to achieve the goals of the Millennium Declaration, a document adopted during the Millennium Summit that lists the key challenges of current times.

SEE www.itu.int

SEE <http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.htm>

SEE http://www.itu.int/newsroom/press_releases/2002/01.html

NATO FMSC PWG

Brussels hosted on 17-18 December a meeting of the Policy Working Group of the Frequency Management Subcommittee (FMSC PWG) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in joint civilian/military session, and on 19 December a meeting of the Civilian/Military Subcommittee on Frequency Management (FMSC CIV/MIL).

Noteworthy in the context of the FMSC PWG is the elaboration of a proposal for a report on activities, to be sent by the FMSC CIV/MIL to the NATO C3 Board (NC3B), and on the subcommittee's rules of procedure.

In response to a request from the Netherlands to use Digital Private Mobile Radio (DPMR) in the 225-400 MHz band, for which that country has formally submitted the corresponding request on frequency supportability, the Frequency Management Branch (FMB) will study the identification of 2 X 0.5 MHz to satisfy the aforesaid requisite in 2003.

At the FMSC CIV/MIL meeting, the Terms of Reference of the group's mandate when meeting in joint civilian/military session were adopted and will

be submitted to NC3B for approval.

In the context of discussion on frequency supportability for the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System/Multi-Function Information Distribution System (JTIDS/MIDS), Germany has given notification of its intention to propose at the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC03) inclusion in the following WRC's agenda (in 2006) of an item on attribution for mobile service, with secondary status in the 960-1250 MHz band, in order to ensure some protection for JTIDS/MIDS.

The United States of America made a short presentation on possible interference by the European satellite radionavigation system (Galileo) in the new GPS system (military code M), and released a letter from the Allied Forces High Command to the Director of the International Military Secretariat, in which the latter is asked to express his concerns on protection of the GPS system vis-à-vis the Public Regulated Service (PRS) programming of the Galileo system.

ETSI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Approval of the budget and strategic guidelines for 2002 were in focus at the General Assembly of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), held on 20-21 November in Nice.

The Assembly approved a PAS (Public Available Specifications) procedure and indicated that the work of the Next Generation Networks-Starter Group (NGN-SG) was complete. Likewise approved at the meeting were the ETSI rules of procedure, for inclusion in the Basic Membership Fee (BMF); the conclusions of the seminar on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) "Can I Shape the Future of the Internet?" were also presented.

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NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

SPAIN - Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología (MCT) - The new draft law on electronic signatures is available for public consultation until the end of January. The measure should replace Royal Decree-Law 14/1999 of 17 September. At <http://www.sgc.mfom.es/>. Meanwhile *Orden CTE/23/2002* was published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* (at <http://imagenes.boe.es/boe/dias/2002-01-12/tiffs/A01528.tif>) on 12 January. It regulates the conditions and content that should obey the detailed studies indicative of the levels of radio exposure in areas for radio station localisation and the annual certification of radio installations, which operators will have to present to the Ministry of Science and Technology, in accordance with Royal Decree 1066/2001 of 28 September.

FRANCE - Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications (ART) - ART has fined *France Telecom* the amount of 5 million euros, due to the incumbent's non-compliance with a decision concerning the resolution of differences with *Sonera France*. Information at <http://www.art-telecom.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2002/02-2002.htm>.

SWEDEN - National Post and Telecom Agency (Post & Telestyrelsen) - Considering that the current state of the Swedish mobile market is one of oligopoly, the regulatory authority opened on 10 January a tender for the award of a fourth GSM licence. Bids are to be received by 27 March; the three current operators are not eligible. Details at <http://www.pts.se/dokument/getFile.asp?FileID=2618>.

DENMARK - National Telecom Agency (Telesyrelsen) - The regulator has published an interactive frequencies plan, which may be consulted at <http://www.teleprisguide.dk/frekvensuk/asp/band.asp>.

SWITZERLAND - Office Fédéral de la Communication (OFCOM) - Although the security of information and communications infrastructures is amply guaranteed, improvements can still be made, particularly with respect to human resources and organisation, asserts a report of the Federal Council (see <http://www.ofcom.ch/en/medieninfo/medienmitteilungen/uvek/artikel/00623/index.html>), which anticipates the creation of an interdepartmental working group to be co-ordinated by OFCOM. The Authority also reports that one single entity - the Switch Foundation - will remain responsible for management of the .ch domain. The previously considered option for a model based on competition has thus been abandoned.

Details at <http://www.ofcom.ch/en/medieninfo/medienmitteilungen/uvek/artikel/00628/index.html>.

AUSTRIA - Rundfunk und Telekom Regulierungs-GmbH (RTR-GmbH) - The new website of the Austrian regulator was launched on 28 January. Details at <http://www.tkc.at/>.

ICELAND - Post and Telecom Administration (PTA) - On 9 January, PTA awarded two fixed wireless access (FWA) licences. See <http://www.pta.is/English/estart.htm>.

UNITED KINGDOM - Office of Telecommunications (OFTEL) - British Telecom was forced to cut its charges for some services in the scope of local loop unbundling. Details at http://www.oftel.gov.uk/press/releases/2002/pr05_02.htm. Meanwhile, on 7 January, OFTEL formally asked the Competition Commission (at http://www.oftel.gov.uk/press/releases/2002/pr01_02.htm) to investigate the mobile call termination rates practiced by the four operators in the United Kingdom, which the regulator suspects are excessive. Also, the procedures for the collection and handling of information gathered from the telecoms industry are being revised, in order to assure speedier data collection processes. See http://www.oftel.gov.uk/press/releases/2002/pr03_02.htm.

UNITED KINGDOM - Postal Services Commission (Postcomm) - A consultation is under way until 28 February, with an invitation for comments on Postcomm's intended code of conduct. The document, "A Code of Practice Governing the Discharge of Postcomm's Functions", sets out eight orientation principles, including independence, openness and action in accordance with good regulatory practices. At <http://www.psc.gov.uk/>.

UNITED KINGDOM - Independent Television Commission (ITC) - "Competition & Consultation Guidance", published on 17 January, and the new rules to govern the promotion of television services, channels and programmes, published two days beforehand, are available in the wake of two recent consultations. At <http://www.itc.org.uk/>.

UNITED KINGDOM - Online Government - The British government's portal was recently reorganised and may be visited at <http://www.ukonline.gov.uk/>. Among diverse information and services, it enables access to official documents, including, for example, the "White Paper Excellence and Opportunity - a science and innovation policy for the 21st century". At <http://www.dti.gov.uk/ost/aboutost/dtiwhite/>.

BRAZIL - Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL) - ANATEL launched on 22 January a new auction for the award of more mobile licences. Additional information at http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2002/release_22_01_2002%282%29.pdf. On the same date, the Agency began a public consultation (see http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2002/release_22_01_2002%283%29.pdf) whose aim is to establish quality targets for cellular mobile service. The consultation ends on 4 March.

GUINEA-BISSAU - Instituto das Comunicações da Guiné-Bissau (ICGB) - The session marking the opening of the four candidate bids presented in the public tender for the award of a GSM mobile licence was held on 10 January. A second licence should be awarded to an affiliate of *Guiné Telecom*, under the same conditions as the tender and via the operator's presentation of an investment plan that guarantees modernisation of the basic telecommunications network. See <http://www.icgb.org/index.html.en>.

HONG KONG - Office of the Telecom Authority (OFTA) - In wake of the consultation effected in November last year, OFTA announced on 11 January details of the government strategy aiming for total liberalisation of fixed telephone service expected to begin on 1 January 2003. At http://www.ofta.gov.hk/frameset/home_index_eng.html. On 17 January, the regulator undertook, along with the police, a very successful operation that targeted illegal sales of mobile phones and cable television decoders. At http://www.ofta.gov.hk/frameset/press_index_eng.html.

NEW ZEALAND - Ministry of Economic Development (MED) - A consultation on government strategy for the introduction of digital terrestrial television ends on 15 April. See <http://www.med.govt.nz/pbt/broadcas/minister20011221.html>. The ministry of tutelage also plans to auction spectrum blocs for the award of licences for fixed and mobile network services, in the middle of the current year. See <http://www.med.govt.nz/pbt/auctions/minister20011219.html>. The sector's evolution follows approval of the country's new telecommunications law on 18 December and the creation of the position of Telecommunications Commissioner. At <http://www.med.govt.nz/pbt/telecom/minister20011218a.html>.

PANAMA - Ente Regulador de los Servicios Públicos (ERSP) - Revision of the national numbering plan is under discussion. At <http://www.enteregulador.gob.pa/Telecom/telecomunicaciones.shtml>.

SPANISH PRESIDENCY - COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF TRANSPORTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The first Council of Ministers of Transports and Telecommunications will be held in Brussels on 25-26 March. The provisional agenda expected to focus discussion on issues ranging from electronic data exchange among administrations (IDA II Programme) to the @LIS Programme - Alliance for Information Society with Latin America.

The agenda should likewise be occupied by debate on repercussions of the Informal Council of Ministers of Telecommunications and Information Society (Vitoria, 22-23 February) and the European Council in Barcelona (15-16 March) on the eEurope Action Plan, the European Commission's presentation of a communication on the exploitation of information emanating from the public sector, trans-European networks (TEN-TELECOM) and analysis of recent developments regarding Europe's Galileo satellite radionavigation system.

The second Council of Ministers of Transports and Telecommunications is

scheduled for 17-18 June.

Meanwhile, the Spanish Minister for Science and Technology, Anna Birulés, presented to the European Parliament's Commission for Industry, External Trade, Investigation and Energy the Presidency's priorities in the fields of investigation and innovation, industry, telecommunications, information society and technological development, among which are included the 6th Mark-Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration for the 2002-2006 period and the necessary impulse for consolidation of the European Space for Research and Innovation.

Also in the context of the Presidency, Spain formally proposed during the European conference on the use of new technologies associated with criminal activity, specifically drug trafficking, the creation of a Technological Investigation and Warning Centre headquartered at Europol.

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Certifying Entities registered with the ANACOM	Registration Date	Certifying Entities registered with the ANACOM	Registration Date
Epoch - Consultores de Telemática, Lda.	19.04.2001	Signum - Comércio, Serviços e Representações, Lda.	01.10.2001
PT Comunicações, S.A.	19.04.2001	Mitel - Sociedade de Equipamentos de Telecomunicações, Lda.	01.10.2001
EBL - Electro Belarmino, Lda.	30.04.2001	HPG - Soluções Tecnológicas, Lda.	09.10.2001
Rimielgab - Gabinete Técnico de Engenharia	30.04.2001	Linhas Múltiplas - Projecto de Telecomunicações, Lda.	22.10.2001
Instituto Electrotécnico Português	10.05.2001	Genco - Gabinete de Engenheiros Consultores, Lda.	22.10.2001
Laboratório Industrial da Qualidade	10.05.2001	Totalinspe - Inspeção de Sistemas Energéticos e Ambiente, S.A.	22.10.2001
Santos & Sousa, Lda.	10.05.2001	Leonel Barbeiro - Electricidade e Canalizações, Lda.	31.10.2001
Gatipel - Telecomunicações e Informática, Lda.	22.06.2001	Elevar - Associação de Apoio Técnico	15.11.2001
Sednorte - Montagens Eléctricas, Lda.	28.06.2001	Vasconcelos & Filho, Lda.	15.11.2001
Multinfra - Projectos e Representações Electromecânicas, Lda.	28.06.2001	TELJAP - Manutenção, Instalação e Comercialização de Telecomunicações, Lda.	15.11.2001
Imotron - Edifícios Inteligentes, S.A.	05.07.2001	Odiophone - Serviços e Equipamentos de Comunicação, Lda.	22.11.2001
Instituto de Soldadura e Qualidade	30.07.2001	Certeijo - Certificação de Instalações de Telecomunicações, Unipessoal, Lda.	22.11.2001
Cerqueira & Oliveira, Lda.	30.07.2001	I.E.S. - Infraestruturas Eléctricas, Saneamento e Construções, Lda.	29.11.2001
Ribatel - Equipamentos de Telecomunicações, Lda.	08.08.2001	Vilacel - Electricidade e Consultoria, Lda.	13.12.2001
Rudistel - Equipamento Eléctrico e Electrónico, Lda.	08.08.2001	SNEC - Sociedade Nacional de Electricidade e Construções, Lda.	13.12.2001
Electro Arroiteense - Instalações Eléctricas, Lda.	08.08.2001	J. Rocha Pinto, Projectos e Consultadoria, Lda.	20.12.2001
Astroluz - Sociedade de Electricidade e Construção Civil, Lda.	08.08.2001	Meira de Sá, Projectos, Engenharia e Serviços, Lda.	20.12.2001
Renet Açores - Engenharia, Infraestruturas e Obras Públicas, S.A.	23.08.2001	Projelteg - Projectos Electrotécnicos, Telefónicos e Gás, Lda.	03.01.2002
Guimete - Projecto e Instalação de Materiais Eléctricos e Telecomunicações, Lda.	01.10.2001	Guedes Fernandes - Construções e Técnicas, Lda.	17.01.2002
Rediprotel - Engenharia, Estudos e Projectos, Lda	01.10.2001		
Monticanalizações e Instalações Eléctricas, Lda.	01.10.2001		

IN FEBRUARY 2002

EU
 - Economic Affairs Group - Telecommunications (8 and 15)
 - ONP Committee (20)
 - Meeting of Ministries of Telecommunications and Information Society (22-3)
 - European Competition Day (26)

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 Radiocommunications Sector
 - RAG (25/2 to 1/3)
 - WP 8F (27/2 to 5/3)

CEPT
 - Troika (1)

ECC
 - WG SE (4-8)

- WG RR (4-8)
 - WG UIT (13-15)
 - PT5 - ex JPT SAT (13-15)
 - CPG3-03 (19-22)
 - PT TRIS (20-22)
 - TG1 (26-27)

IRG
 - ERGIT (13-14)

ETSI
 - Board (5-8)
 - ERM - Emergency Telecommunications (26-27)

EVENTS

- **Broadband Wireless World Forum 2002**
 12-14, California, USA

- **The models and sources of financing of communications operators (APDC)**
 13, Lisbon

- **7th National Congress of Internet Users**
 13-16, Madrid

- **Submarine Networks World EMEA**
 19-21, Costa del Sol, Spain

- **3GSM World Congress 2002**
 19-22, Cannes

- **Strategic Internet Marketing**
 26-27, New York

- **Infocomm Technology Roadmap Symposium**
 28, Singapore

- **Migration Strategies to 2.5G and 3G Content and Application** - 28-29, London

- **SATCOM AFRICA 2002**

26/2 to 1/3, Midrand, South Africa