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Subject: Declarations and Reservations - World Radiocommunication Conference - 2003

Gillian,

This is the text of the reservation to the WRC - 03 that Australia signed. Listed at the start of each reservation or declaration is all administrations which are signatories to the document.

At the time of signing the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2003), the undersigned delegates take note of the following declarations and reservations made by signatory delegations:

Australian signed one reservation - Reservation Number 80

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For the Federal Republic of Germany, Australia, Belgium, the Republic of Cyprus, Denmark, the United States of America, France, Greece, the Republic of Hungary, Ireland, Japan, the Principality of Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, the Federated States of Micronesia, Norway, New Zealand, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Sweden and the Confederation of Switzerland:

The delegations of the above-mentioned countries referring to the declaration made by the Republic of Colombia (No. 41), inasmuch as this statement refers to the Bogota Declaration of 3 December 1976 by equatorial countries and to the claims of those countries to exercise sovereign rights over segments of the geostationary-satellite orbit, and similar statements, consider the claims in question cannot be recognized by this Conference. Further, the above-mentioned delegations wish to affirm or reaffirm the declarations made on behalf of a number of the above-mentioned administrations in this regard when signing the Final Acts of previous conferences of the International Telecommunication Union as of these declarations were here repeated in full.

The above-mentioned delegations also wish to state that reference in Article 44 of the Constitution to the "geographical situation of particular countries" does not imply a recognition of claim to any preferential rights to the geostationary-satellite orbit.

If you require any further assistance please contact me on 6219 5251.

Thanks

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