World Broadcasting Unions – Technical Committee

PROPOSED NEW OPINION OF STUDY GROUP 6

The activation of radio receivers in smart phones

World Broadcasting Unions* (WBU) is the coordinating body for broadcasting unions who represent broadcaster networks across the globe. It was established in 1992 as a coordinating body at the international broadcasting level. The WBU Technical Committee (WBU-TC) is its standing technical body.

The WBU-TC is a Sector Member of ITU-R and a long-time participant in ITU-R Study Groups, Working Parties, Task Groups, Rapporteur Groups, etc. The WBU numbers among its members Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of the above groups. The WBU also participates widely in the ITU work on radio, television and multimedia services.

The WBU-TC supports the North America Broadcasters Association (NABA) contribution to Working Party 6A. We note that the enabling of analogue or digital radio chips, depending on territory, in smart phones has a great public service benefit for citizens in all regions and countries of the world.

Please note Annex 8 to Document 6A/161 concerning broadcasting for public warning, disaster mitigation and relief, and Annex 12 to Document 6A/161, concerning the activation of radio receivers in smart/mobile telephones and tablets.

* The broadcasting unions who belong to the WBU are the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU), the Arab-States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), the African Union of Broadcasting (AUB), the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU), the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the International Association of Broadcasting (IAB/AIR), the North American Broadcasters Association (NABA) and the Organización de Telecomunicaciones Iberoamericanas (OTI).