Radiocommunications: allocation of radiofrequencies, World Conference WRC-99

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Those attending the last World Radiocommunications Conference in 1997 (WRC-97) adopted a resolution on the agenda for the forthcoming conference in 1999 (WRC-99). It comprises over 40 separate issues and includes issues of particular relevance in a Community context, such as terrestrial mobile communications, radionavigation-satellite, aeronautical mobile, and maritime mobile services, mobile satellite and fixed satellite services, broadcasting and Earth observation. This communication follows up on the Council conclusions of 22/09/97, which invite the Commission to ensure that Community interests are taken into account in the production of European positions for WRCs, to carry out consultations with interested parties with the aim to identify frequency requirements for agreed Community policies and industrial needs, and to participate in bilateral contacts with third countries and regions with the aim to assess the respective positions prior to the conference. The overall objective of the present communication and Community action with regard to the WRCs and WRC-99 particularly is to ensure that WRC decisions comply with relevant Community policies and that the positions to be worked out for WRCs appropriately balance commercial and general interests and are endorsed by political instances.