

AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITALY AND FRANCE
on Cooperation for the Implementation of Digital Plan and
Exchange of Information during the Transition Period

The undersigned Administrations,

Meeting in Geneva during the Regional Radiocommunication Conference (RRC-06) convened under the auspice of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) between 15 May and 16 June 2006;

Considering that the undersigned administrations made possible the attribution of the same frequency channel/block to numerous DVB-T and T-DAB assignments and allotments and their inclusion in the GE06 Plan for the digital terrestrial broadcasting service even though these assignments and allotments have been classified as incompatible during the RRC-06 planning process ;

Considering that the GE06 Agreement contains provisions to be applied before bringing into use broadcasting assignments, relating to the examination of conformity of these assignments with respect to the characteristics of the allotment in the GE06 Plan from which they are derived;

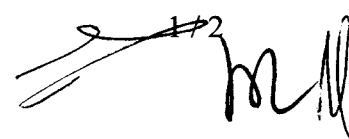
Considering that, in cases where different duration of the transition period is foreseen, supplementary cooperation activities are needed to ensure acceptable interference levels;

Considering that, as the inclusion of the analogue television Plan (reference situation) in the new Regional Agreement could have an impact on the implementation of the GE06 Digital Plan, supplementary cooperation activities are needed to facilitate its implementation;

Considering that, there are in Italy some broadcasting stations already in operation not included in the analogue television Plan (reference situation) or in the GE06 Digital Plan, therefore not having right for protection, until they will be coordinated in accordance with the Article 4 of Geneva 06 Agreement, and therefore for which it would be useful to receive advance information on DVB-T deployment in France;

Considering that, some critical areas can be identified between concerned Administrations where cooperation and exchange of information could be mainly focused during and after the Transition Period;

Considering that, assignments resulting from the conversion of an allotment may sometimes significantly increase interference compared to the assignments belonging to this allotment and which have been included in the Plan following successful coordination in the process of the development of the Digital Plan;

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Considering that, it is preferable to limit the radiation towards the neighbouring country, taking into account practicability issues and engineering constraints;

Considering that, there is a need to cooperate between neighbouring Administrations to improve the GE06 Digital Plan on an equitable access basis;

Considering that, there is a need to cooperate in order to solve potential interference between neighbouring countries;

Undertake, with respect to the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz and some critical areas that may be identified between Administrations:

- to exchange information and to cooperate after the RRC06 Regional Radiocommunication Conference with the aim to facilitate the implementation of the digital Plan
- to consolidate common coordination procedures and to adopt common methods to evaluate interfering and wanted signals;
- to exchange information and to cooperate regarding the implementation of the GE06 Digital Plan in order to ensure during the Transition Period that interference levels will remain acceptable, for both analogue and digital services, at the border areas, without causing delay in the planned switch off date of each Administration;
- to coordinate assignments resulting from the conversion of any allotment of the GE06 Digital Plan before putting them into service.

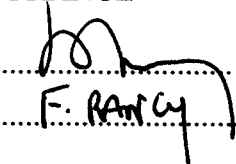
With the consent of the other Administration, this Agreement may be modified at the request of one of the signatory Administrations where such a modification becomes necessary in the light of internal administrative, regulatory, procedural or technical developments.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date and time of provisional application of the GE06 Agreement.

Geneva, 14 June 2006,

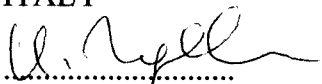
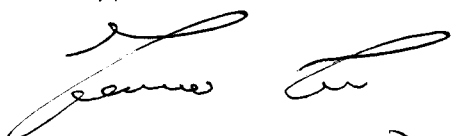
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