



IMSI Oversight Council

September 10, 2003
Conference Call

Meeting Summary

Gary Richenaker, Chair

1. Call To Order

Gary Richenaker called the meeting to order at 10:10am and thanked all participants for joining.

2. Introductions

All participants took the opportunity to introduce themselves. Participants were:

Phyllis Anderson, SBC
Tom Schwab, Teleglobe
Megan Hayes, ATIS
Anne Walker, Telcordia
Gary Richenaker, Telcordia
Doug Rollender, Lucent Technologies

3. Extension of the deadline for the use of MNCs with trailing zeros to GSM providers (per the IOC Guidelines & Procedures Version 4.0, Addendum 1)

AGREEMENT REACHED: The temporary accommodation for GSM-Based Wireless Networks was extended through July 1, 2008.

ACTION ITEM: Megan Hayes will revise the IOC Guidelines to reflect the extension of the temporary accommodation for GSM-Based providers and post the document to the web site.

AGREEMENT REACHED: The IOC agreed that a change to E.214 was necessary to illustrate a single stage translation from an MCC+MNC to a CC+NDC rather than a two stage translation. This change is designed to reflect what is actually occurring in the industry today. The IOC agreed to support the submission of a contribution to Study Group 2 to effect this change.

4. Coordination of MNC assignments with the Caribbean countries in order to facilitate roaming

There was a discussion of whether or not coordination of MNC assignments with Caribbean countries is necessary, given the GSM-NA letter received on March 4, 2002. It was decided that such coordination was no longer necessary and that the Administrator should inform the Caribbean countries of this decision.

AGREEMENT REACHED: The IOC Administrator is no longer required to coordinate MNC assignments with Caribbean countries.

ACTION ITEM: Anne Walker and Gary Richenaker will draft a letter to be distributed to the Caribbean countries regarding coordination of MNC assignments. The draft letter will be sent to the IOC for comments. All comments should be received within 10 business days of distribution. Once the letter is finalized, Anne Walker will send the letter to the appropriate contacts in Caribbean countries.

5. Use of MNCs for fixed SMS

The use of MNCs for fixed SMS is an issue that was raised at the ITU. The ITU decided that because administration of IMSIs is a national issue, an MNCs could be assigned within countries for use for fixed SMS if the Administrator in the country deemed it appropriate. There was a discussion of whether or not Recommendation E.212 should be modified to reflect this decision. Several participants noted that the Recommendation needs no modifications.

AGREEMENT REACHED: The IOC supports sending a contribution to the ITU indicating that Recommendation E.212 does not need to be modified to allow for the use of MNCs for fixed SMS.

6. IOC Response to the request from the Jamaican OUR regarding the use of *746 and *560 codes

The IOC received the following correspondence from Curtis Robinson, Jamaican OUR:

We are trying to determine which regulatory body, if any, sanctioned the use of the codes *746 and *560 to facilitate TDMA/CDMA and analog roaming in the Pan American Regional Consortium (PARC).

We have received an application from a local mobile operator for the assignment of the codes. But based on our current understanding, these codes represent an unauthorized expansion of the NANP's *XX abbreviated dialing arrangement - although both codes are being used by mobile operators such as, AT&T Wireless, Cingular and Sprint. Besides, *74 and *56 are existing Vertical Services Codes.

It does not appear, from discussions with NANPA/NANC on a somewhat similar issue, that these bodies had approved the use of the codes. We would be grateful therefore for any assistance you can provide in determining the appropriateness of the current use of these codes.

AGREEMENT REACHED/ACTION ITEM: Gary will send draft response to Megan Hayes for distribution to the IOC for comments and input. Once comments are received, Megan Hayes will send the letter to Curtis Robinson as response to his email. Comments should be received within 5 business days of the draft being sent to the list serve.