

Recommendation T/R 51-02 (1971)

ILLICIT RADIO BROADCASTING TRANSMISSIONS

Recommendation put forward by the "Radiocommunications" Working Group T/WG 3 (R)

Text of the Recommendation adopted by the "Telecommunications" Commission:

"The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

considering

- a) that an illicit radio broadcasting station known as "Radio North Sea International" operating on board a ship in international waters, contravened the provisions of No. 2665 of the Radio Regulations,
- b) that this station, operated without a licence on board an unregistered ship, contravened the provisions of No. 2020 of the Radio Regulations,
- c) that the broadcasts of this station caused interference which was detrimental to approved radio services in Czechoslovakia, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom, including sectors of the maritime mobile service relating to the safety of human life,
- d) that the harmful interference to maritime radio services could have created a risk to human life and property, and that the interference to authorised broadcasting services could have given rise to adverse public reaction,
- e) that it then became necessary to take urgent counter-measures against this station but that these measures could only be of limited effectiveness since the station was able to move about and change frequency as it wished,
- f) that on 1 September 1970 there were three illicit radio broadcasting stations operating off the Dutch coast,
- g) that since technical counter-measures could not by themselves put an end to illicit broadcasting or prevent it, it became necessary to take some action which could successfully interrupt the supply of personnel, goods, services and other aids to the illicit broadcasting stations,

recommends

that the Administrations ask their Governments to seek an urgent solution to this problem through additional national legislation, and in particular by extending [widening] the legal measures against illicit broadcasting adopted under the 1965 Strasbourg Agreement."