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DRAFT NEW RECOMMENDATION ITU-R BT.[PLT REC]

Protection requirements for broadcasting systems operating in the LF, MF, HF and VHF bands below 80 MHz against the radiation from PLT systems

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NABA notes that in Annex 6 of the Chairman's report (Document 6A/196) for the May 2009 Meeting of WP 6A, the preliminary draft new Recommendation ITU-R BT.[PLT REC] entitled "Protection requirements for broadcasting systems operating in the LF, MF, HF and VHF bands below 80 MHz against the radiation from PLT systems" was further developed. NABA also notes that the protection requirements in Table 1 of *recommends 1* are derived directly from the requirements developed and approved by Study Group 1 in Report ITU-R SM.[1/67] entitled "Impact of power line telecommunication systems on radiocommunication systems operating in the LF, MF, HF and VHF bands below 80 MHz".

NABA supports the preliminary draft new Recommendation ITU-R BT.[PLT REC] and looks to its consideration by Working Party 6A and possible submission to Study Group 6 as a draft new Recommendation.