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### CLASSIFICATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT VIDEO EQUIPMENT

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#### Reference documents:

42.489 (HSC/22)  
42.750, Annex H/22 (HSC/22/Nov. 98 – Report)

#### I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 22nd Session, in November 1998, the Committee undertook a preliminary examination of the classification of closed circuit video equipment (CCVE).
2. Several administrations had experienced difficulties in classifying certain articles belonging to surveillance systems, as well as the complete systems themselves.
3. The Delegate of Brazil undertook to submit additional information on these articles and systems.
4. The Secretariat invited administrations to submit more complete technical details, particularly regarding system controllers, sequential or "loop-through" switchers, and receivers.
5. In response to its request for information, the Secretariat has received comments from several administrations during the intersession. Specific product information is detailed in the Annexes to this document.

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## II. COMMENTS FROM ADMINISTRATIONS

### Switzerland

6. The Swiss Administration takes the view that, based on information provided during the 22nd Session, the video equipment does not correspond to Note 3, nor to Note 4 to Section XVI. Nor can it be regarded as a set within the meaning of General Interpretative Rule 3 (b). Accordingly, Switzerland would classify the different components separately.

### Canada

7. The Canadian Administration reserves its comments awaiting information that will be provided by Brazil but points out that there is considerable variety in the configuration of such equipment.

### The Russian Federation

8. The Russian Administration points out that it has already sent the Secretariat information regarding this equipment.
9. The Secretariat notes that this mainly consisted of trade brochures about the whole system as set out in Doc. 42.489 (HSC/22), and is included in the reference file which will be made available to delegates in the meeting room.

### Malaysia

10. The Malaysian Administration has submitted some technical literature on the various devices which make up a video-surveillance system.
11. In this respect, the Secretariat has noted that the system at issue involves various items of connection and switching equipment such as the controller (which serves as interface between the computer and the various cameras and monitors), the sequential switcher and the connection board; this information is set out in Annexes I and III hereto.

## III. CONCLUSIONS

12. The Committee is invited to rule on the present classification of the closed circuit video system for surveillance described in Doc. 42.489 (HSC/22), taking account of the Secretariat's comments in that document and the additional information provided in the Annexes to this document.
13. The Committee is also requested to decide what further action to take with regard to this matter, and in particular the future classification of closed circuit video equipment, taking the comments of the Secretariat in Doc. 42.489 and of the administrations in this document into account.

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