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## **North American Broadcasters Association (NABA)**

### PROPOSED NEW OPINION OF STUDY GROUP 6

#### THE ACTIVATION OF RADIO RECEIVERS IN SMART PHONES

The North American Broadcasters Association<sup>1</sup>, (NABA, [www.nabanet.com](http://www.nabanet.com)) is an association of broadcasters within ITU-R Region 2 countries Canada, Mexico and the United States. The NABA Technical Committee is its standing technical body.

NABA is a Sector Member of ITU-R and a long-time participant in ITU-R Study Groups, Working Parties, Task Groups, Rapporteur Groups, etc. NABA numbers among its members Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of the above groups. NABA also participates widely in the ITU work on radio, television and multimedia services.

At the last WP 6A meeting in October 2016, NABA proposed a new opinion to encourage the manufacturers of smart phones and tablets to include and activate FM radio functionality in those devices. The opinion has been available for comment as a draft opinion since the last WP 6A meeting.

NABA thanks Working Party 6A for taking note of our contribution. We would like WP 6A to now consider this contribution as an agreed draft opinion and as appropriate, pass the contribution on to Study Group 6 for their consideration.

This contribution is supported by our colleagues in the World Broadcasting Unions Technical Committee (WBU-TC) who are also sector members of the ITU.

Please note Annex 8 to Document [6A/161](#) concerning broadcasting for public warning, disaster mitigation and relief, and Annex 12 to Document [6A/161](#) concerning the activation of radio receivers in smart/mobile telephones and tablets.

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