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REF LD727 ON REGIONAL SOURCELINE MEETING: IN GENERAL, WE ARE SATISFIED WITH EXISTING REGIONAL SOURCELINES AND ASSUME BBC SHARES THIS VIEW. THE ONLY MAJOR CHANGE WE ANTICIPATE WOULD BE DROPPING OF WORD "SERVICE" FROM SOURCELINE. HERE FOLLOWS RUNDOWN OF CURRENT FBIS POLICY ON REGIONAL SOURCELINES FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

1. WE TREAT OFFICIAL REGIONAL BROADCASTS THE SAME AS NATIONAL BROADCASTS, USING THE WORD "DOMESTIC" IN THE SOURCELINE. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS IS PRC REGIONAL TRANSMITTERS. WE PREFER THIS ARRANGEMENT. IF THE BBC RAISES QUESTION OF AMPLIFYING CERTAIN OTHER REGIONAL SOURCELINES, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER EXCEPTIONS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. MOSCOW OBLAST SOURCELINE MAY BE A CASE IN POINT AND WE WILL DEFER TO BBC PREFERENCE, IF ANY.

2. WE TREAT OFFICIAL BROADCASTS FOR NATIONAL MINORITIES FROM THE CHIEF BROADCASTING CITIES AS REGULAR DOMESTIC SERVICES. EXAMPLES: PEKING DOMESTIC IN KOREAN, PEKING DOMESTIC IN UIGHUR.

3. WE ASSUME THE WORD "TELEVISION" WILL BE INSERTED IN REGIONAL SOURCELINES AS APPROPRIATE. EXAMPLE: TALLINN DOMESTIC TELEVISION IN ESTONIAN.

4. RELAYS BY REGIONAL STATIONS OF PROGRAMS FROM THE CHIEF BROADCASTING CITY SHOW THE STUDIO OF ORIGIN IN THE SOURCELINE. THE LOCATION OF THE RELAY POINT DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE SOURCELINE BUT MAY APPEAR IN A SUBSLUG WHEN IT IS POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT. LAST WEEK'S OPORTO-LISBON SITUATION WAS GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS. 02/1849Z DEC

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