

Resolution of the Second IVS General Meeting

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The International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry

recognizing

1. that geodetic and astrometric VLBI is fundamental for the establishment and maintenance of the ICRF and contributes extensively to the generation of the ITRF, and
2. that geodetic VLBI plays an essential role in geodesy and astrometry due to its uniqueness in observing the complete set of Earth orientation parameters (EOPs) which describes the transformation between the ICRF and ITRF stable over a time span longer than a few days, and
3. that providing the reference frames and EOPs consistent over decades on the highest accuracy level will be a challenging role for IVS,

noting

the final report of the IVS Working Group 2 for Product Specification and Observing Programs,

recommends

that all IVS components should concentrate their efforts and resources to accomplish the following objectives :

- significant improvement of the accuracy of VLBI products
- shorter time delay from observation to availability of results
- continuous temporal coverage by VLBI sessions.